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To the People of the State of Nebraska:

Once again it is my pleasure as Chief Justice of Nebraska, on behalf of myself and the entire Supreme Court, to greet all of the citizens of the State of Nebraska. As we have in past years, we have again prepared this annual report so that you may have information concerning the judicial system of Nebraska. An examination of the report should disclose that the problem of handling the volume of cases coming before the Court continues.

In an effort to meet those continuing problems, the Court is examining a number of possible solutions, including the matter of redistricting, establishing preargument conferences, and instituting other administrative devices which will reduce the volume without affecting the citizen's right to have his/her disputes resolved both quickly and fairly.

Another matter of extreme concern to the Court, as well as to the public, is the matter of crime in our communities. The problem continues to grow and it is apparent to those of us involved in the handling of criminal matters that we need to begin designing new and better solutions to the problem. Merely turning to slogans such as "harsher sentences" or "faster disposition" is not the answer. We must be prepared to properly analyze the problem and design the solutions. These solutions may require us to make commitments of substantial dollars and we should understand the problem if we are to make those commitments. The Court is aware of both the serious problem and its obligation to solving that problem and we will during the current year be addressing that matter.

It is now apparent to us, however, that if any of these problems are to be met it will require the joint cooperation of the courts, the lawyers, and the citizens. Your suggestions in the past have been most helpful to us in attempting to meet our task and we continue to look forward to hearing from you in the coming year.

Norman Krivosha
Chief Justice

This is the sixth annual report on the courts of Nebraska. It is hoped that this document will provide the reader with a handy source of information on the structure and operations of the courts of Nebraska, as well as providing statistical information on the cases processed by those courts.

The Office of the State Court Administrator wishes to express its gratitude to all of the clerks of the various courts who supplied the statistical information reproduced in this document.

Joe C. Steele
State Court Administrator

NEBRASKA JUDICIAL SYSTEM

Nebraska's Constitution vests the judicial power of the state in a Supreme Court, district courts, county courts, and such other courts inferior to the Supreme Court as may be created by law. In addition to the courts created by the Constitution, the Legislature has provided for three other types of courts — municipal courts in Lincoln and Omaha, separate juvenile courts in Lancaster, Douglas, and Sarpy counties, and a Workmen's Compensation Court.

Amendments to the judicial article of the Constitution in 1970 gave the Supreme Court general administrative authority over all the courts, permitted the appointment of a state court administrator, removed the constitutional basis for justices of the peace, and permitted the unification of courts of limited jurisdiction.

The Legislature reacted promptly to those constitutional changes, enacting legislation in 1972 which abolished the justice of the peace and local police magistrate courts and merged their functions into a reorganized county court system, effective January 4, 1973.

The Supreme Court established the Office of the State Court Administrator on July 1, 1972, to implement the new county court system and to assist in the added administrative responsibilities vested in the court by the 1970 constitutional amendments.

The merit system, sometimes called the Missouri plan, is used for the selection and retention of all judges. When a vacancy occurs, a bipartisan judicial nominating commission submits the names of two or more qualified applicants to the Governor, who makes the appointment to fill the vacancy.

The bipartisan judicial nominating commission consists of eight members: four lawyers selected by the Nebraska State Bar Association and four nonlawyers appointed by the governor. All members of the commission must reside in the district where the vacancy is to be filled. In addition, the bipartisan commission must not have more than two lawyer members from each political party or two nonlawyer members from each political party.

The new judge runs for retention in office at the first general election occurring more than three years after his/her appointment. Thereafter, the terms are for six years.

When a judge runs for retention in office, the question posed to the voters on the ballot reads, "Shall Judge _____ be retained in office?" If more than 50 percent of the voters indicate that the judge not be retained, the judge is removed and a vacancy occurs.

The merit system was adopted by constitutional amendment in 1962. It originally applied to the selection of judges to the Supreme and district courts. Subsequently, it was extended to all other judges by legislative action, consistent with the authority contained in the 1962 amendment.

Judges may retire at age 65, and must retire upon reaching age 72. Earlier retirement for disability may be approved by the Commission on Judicial Qualifications, which also has the responsibility of investigating complaints against judges.

A constitutional amendment adopted in 1980 provides that the Commission on Judicial Qualifications shall consists of three judges, including one district court judge, one county court judge, and one judge of any other court inferior to the Supreme Court; three members of the Nebraska State Bar Association; three lay citizens; and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court who serves as chairperson. The commission may recommend to the Supreme Court that a judge be reprimanded, disciplined, censured, or suspended for willful misconduct in office; willful disregard of or failure to perform his or her duties; habitual intemperance; conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude; disbarment as a member of the legal profession; or conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute.

In 1981, the Nebraska Unicameral passed LB475, providing for the statutory changes required by the 1980 adopted constitutional amendment.

SUPREME COURT

While the Constitution permits original jurisdiction for the court in certain cases, primarily where the state is a party, the court's basic responsibility is appellate — as Nebraska's court of last resort.

The Constitution guarantees the right to appeal to the Supreme Court in all felony and civil cases, and legislation permits appeal to the highest court in virtually every other type of litigation. Appeals come directly to the Supreme Court from the district courts, the separate juvenile courts, the Workmen's Compensation Court, and certain regulatory agencies such as the Public Service Commission.

The court consists of a chief justice and six judges. The chief justice is appointed by the Governor from a statewide list of applicants whereas the other six judges are chosen from districts.

The court may sit in two five-member divisions, with the addition of district court judges or retired judges, when necessary for the prompt determination of cases.

Divisions may decide all cases except those involving homicide or the constitutionality of a state statute, and decisions of a division may be reviewed by the full court. During 1980 the court sat in divisions on nine days and heard a total of 90 cases.

Since 1920 the Supreme Court has had the consititutional authority to "promulgate rules of practice and procedure for all courts, uniform as to each class of courts, and not in conflict with laws governing such matters."

Until recent years, however, exercise of the rule-making authority had been limited, although the court had appointed committees to develop pattern jury instructions and new rules of evidence, the latter being adopted by the 1975 Legislature.

The constitutional amendment of 1970, giving the Supreme Court general administrative authority over all the courts, coupled with the previously established authority to promulgate uniform rules of practice and procedure, has led to increased exercise of that authority by the court.

The Supreme Court is also responsible for the regulation of the practice of law in Nebraska. This responsibility includes the monitoring and appointment of members to serve on local committees of inquiry, as well as the Advisory Committee, a state committee on discipline and professional responsibility.

In addition, the Supreme Court handles the admission of applicants to the Nebraska State Bar Association as practicing attorneys.

COURT STRUCTURE AND PROCESS OF APPEAL

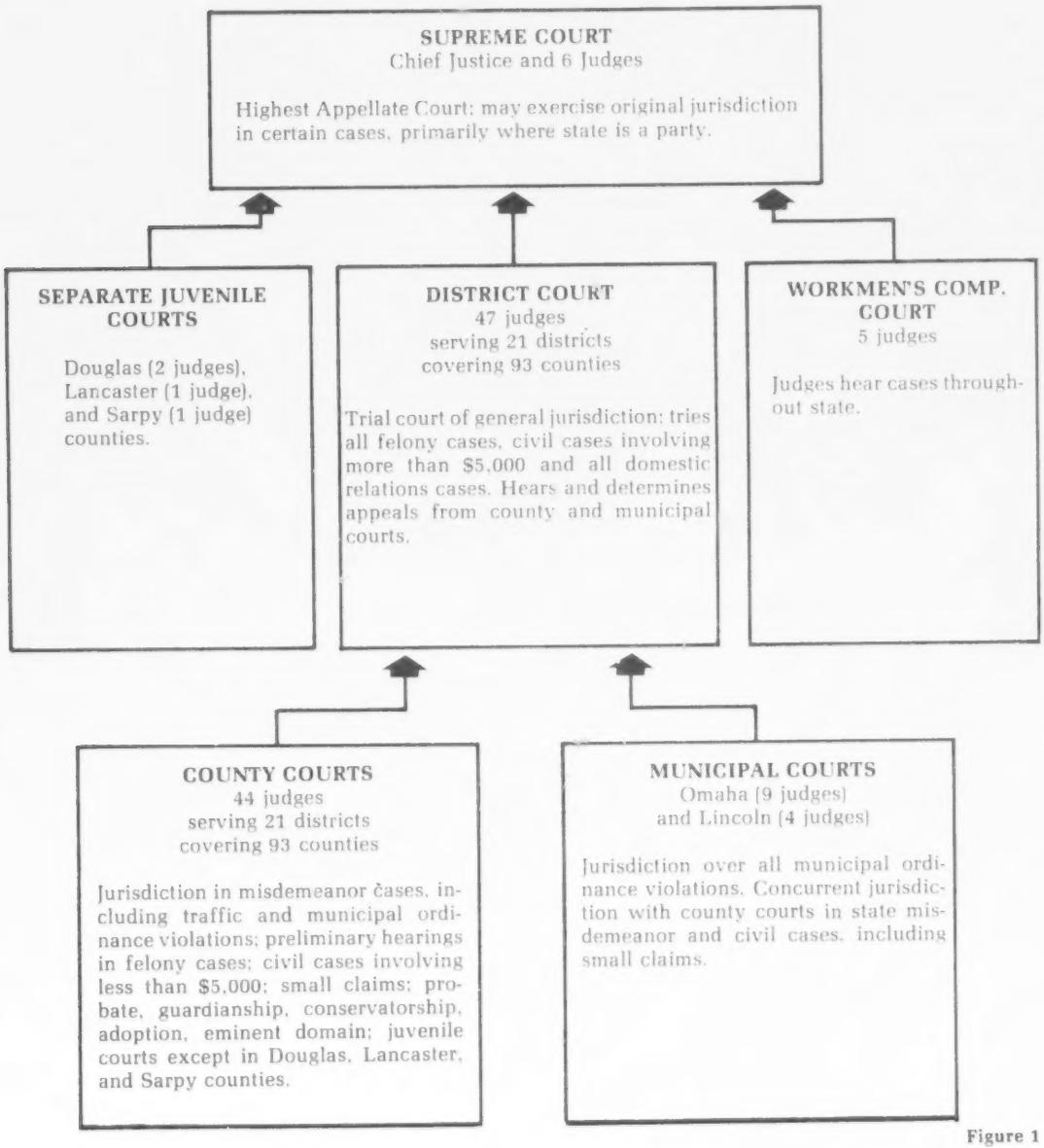

SUPREME COURT
Chief Justice and 6 Judges
Highest Appellate Court: may exercise original jurisdiction in certain cases, primarily where state is a party.
SEPARATE JUVENILE COURTS
Douglas (2 judges), Lancaster (1 judge), and Sarpy (1 judge) counties.
DISTRICT COURT
47 judges
serving 21 districts
covering 93 counties
Trial court of general jurisdiction: tries all felony cases, civil cases involving more than $5,000 and all domestic relations cases. Hears and determines appeals from county and municipal courts.
WORKMEN'S COMP. COURT
5 judges
Judges hear cases throughout state.
COUNTY COURTS
44 judges
serving 21 districts
covering 93 counties
Jurisdiction in misdemeanor cases, including traffic and municipal ordinance violations; preliminary hearings in felony cases; civil cases involving less than $5,000; small claims; probate, guardianship, conservatorship, adoption, eminent domain; juvenile courts except in Douglas, Lancaster, and Sarpy counties.
MUNICIPAL COURTS
Omaha (9 judges)
and Lincoln (4 judges)
Jurisdiction over all municipal ordinance violations. Concurrent jurisdiction with county courts in state misdemeanor and civil cases, including small claims.

Figure 1

Supreme Court Caseload

While the Supreme Court's administrative responsibilities have increased, so to has its caseload.

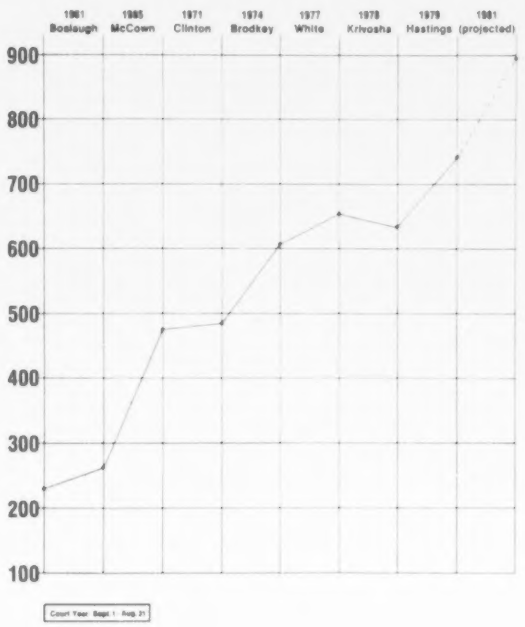
In an 11-year period the court's caseload has risen from 322 cases docketed in 1969 to 741 cases in 1980. See the table below for an 11-year caseload comparison.

	Cases Docketed	Cases Disposed By Opinions	Total Disposed
1968-69	322	243	316
1969-70	362	238	316
1970-71	474	279	407
1971-72	446	337	478
1972-73	546	324	520
1973-74	484	340	471
1974-75	571	368	545
1975-76	716	393	634
1976-77	607	406	608
1977-78	658	342	619
1978-79	638	431	660
1979-80	741	356	650

NOTE: Figures cover periods of September 1-August 31.

Figure 2

Supreme Court Case Filings 1961-1981



Case filings in Nebraska during the past 20 years have increased from slightly over 200 filings in 1961 to a projected 900 filings in 1981. The above graph shows the steady growth of case filings from 1961 when Supreme Court Judge Leslie Boslaugh, the longest serving member of the Court, took his oath of office to 1979, when Governor J. James Exon appointed Supreme Court Judge William Hastings. Cases filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court in 1980 totaled 741; approximately 900 appeals are expected to be filed in 1981.

Figure 3

With the appointment of a new chief justice in 1978 came additional efforts to reduce the backlog. In 1979 the court began sitting regularly in two five-member divisions. The court is considering the implementation of an expanded summary docket in which certain cases would be decided without oral argument and in unpublished memorandum opinion. The settlement conference, a voluntary procedure wherein attorneys for a case may agree to appear before a retired judge in attempt to settle the case, began as an experiment in 1979 and continued during 1980. As of March, 1981, the point at which the conference became mandatory for certain types of cases, 215 cases had been processed through this procedure. Of those, 108 were settled, and 107 were returned to the regular Supreme Court Docket.

DISTRICT COURTS

The district court is a trial court of general jurisdiction, but also functions as an intermediate appellate court in deciding certain appeals from the county and municipal courts and from various administrative agencies.

There are 47 district court judges. The district courts of Nebraska are organized into 21 judicial districts which serve all 93 counties.

The district courts try all felony cases and some misdemeanor cases, but more misdemeanor cases are tried in the county and municipal courts. All civil cases involving more than $5,000 are tried by district courts, as well as some cases involving lesser amounts.

A large percentage of district court filings are domestic relations cases. In addition to the new filings, reopened cases resulting from legislation requiring court clerks to audit all cases where child support is involved make domestic relations cases more than half of the total volume.

Most appeals from the county and municipal courts, which account for more than half of the appellate volume, are decided by a judge of the district court solely on the record.

In 1980, the Nebraska Unicameral changed the appeal procedure in all but small claims cases to require the appeal to be heard on the record by the district judge. In small claims cases, the appeal is heard anew in the district court.

Detailed tables of district court activity are listed on pages 12 through 18 of the Appendix.

COUNTY COURTS

Before reorganization enacted by the 1972 Legislature and implemented on January 4, 1973, each of Nebraska's 93 counties had a county judge, the majority of whom had no legal training. In addition, there were several hundred justices of the peace and local magistrates, almost none of whom had legal training.

The reorganized system abolished the justice of the peace and police magistrate courts and merged their functions into the county court system. County court jurisdiction was increased and qualifications were established for judges and other court personnel.

The county court system is organized into 21 judicial districts, coinciding with the district court judicial districts. Each county has a county court, and in some counties divisions operate at locations other than at the county seat. The districts range in size from one to nine counties, with one to three judges for each district. The 44 county court judges are all required by law to be lawyers.

In addition, at least one associate judge has been appointed in each county, who, in most cases, also serves as clerk of the county court. The associate county judge is primarily responsible for clerical and administrative, rather than judicial, matters. Most are not lawyers, but they are required to attend annual training institutes under the direction of the Supreme Court.

Additional associate judges may be appointed by the county court judges for the district when required by the volume of cases. Salaries of associate judges are set by the appointing judges, subject to a statutory maximum of three-fourths of the salary of a county court judge and subject to approval by the Supreme Court.

The county courts have exclusive original jurisdiction in all probate, guardianship, conservatorship, adoption, and eminent domain cases. They have concurrent jurisdiction with the district courts in misdemeanor cases arising under state law, but virtually all misdemeanor cases are tried in the county courts. The jurisdictional limit of the county courts in civil cases is $5,000. While this is exercised concurrently with the district courts, the majority of cases involving less than $5,000 are filed in the county courts.

Except in Nebraska's two largest cities — Omaha and Lincoln — the county courts also have exclusive original jurisdiction in cases involving violations of municipal ordinances. Except in those cities and in Sarpy County, the county courts also have exclusive original jurisdiction in juvenile matters.

All preliminary hearings in felony cases are held in the county courts, except in Omaha. In Omaha, the municipal court conducts most of the preliminary hearings.

Since Nebraska rarely uses grand jury indictments, the preliminary hearing is used to determine whether there is probable cause to believe that a crime has been committed, and that the accused committed it.

County court filings increased steadily since the court system was reorganized, totaling 291,843 in 1979. Court filings decreased somewhat in 1980, totaling 283,196. Detailed tables of county court case activity are listed on pages 19 through 27 of the Appendix.

MUNICIPAL COURTS

Nebraska has two municipal courts — one in Lincoln and one in Omaha. A state statute requires each city of the metropolitan and primary classes to maintain a municipal court.

Municipal courts have exclusive jurisdiction in cases involving the violation of city ordinances of their respective cities. They have concurrent jurisdiction with the county courts in civil cases, including small claims, and in criminal and traffic cases arising under state law.

As a matter of policy, felony preliminary hearings are heard in the Omaha municipal court but not in the Lincoln municipal court. State Patrol traffic cases are filed in the Lincoln municipal court but not in the Omaha municipal court.

While the two municipal courts are financed entirely by the respective cities, they are subject to the administrative authority of the Supreme Court, their judges' salaries are set by state law, and the judges are selected and retained under the merit plan.

Total case filings in the Lincoln municipal court in 1980 decreased 13 percent over 1979, from 56,609 to 49,062. Case filings in the Omaha municipal court for the same period decreased 5.7 percent, from 96,609 to 91,105.

1980 FILINGS

	Lincoln	Omaha
Traffic Criminal		
City Ordinance	34,234	72,449
State Patrol	10,121	0
Felony	0	1,482
Civil		
Regular	4,091	14,768
Small Claims	616	2,406
TOTAL	49,062	91,105

Figure 4

SEPARATE JUVENILE COURTS

Nebraska has three separate juvenile courts, located in Sarpy, Douglas and Lancaster counties. The remaining 90 Nebraska counties hear juvenile matters in their respective county courts.

Nebraska law permits separate juvenile courts to be created, with the approval of the voters, in any county with more than 30,000 population.

In 1980 the juvenile caseloads of Lancaster and Douglas counties increased, while the caseload in Sarpy County decrease moderately. Sarpy County experienced a decrease in petitions filed, from 409 in 1979 as compared with 391 in 1980. Douglas County petitions filed in 1980 increased to 955 as compared with 851 in 1979. Lancaster County had a increase in petitions filed, from 388 in 1979 to 557 in 1980.

The separate juvenile courts have the same jurisdiction and employ the same procedures as the county courts sitting as juvenile courts in other counties, except that appeals for the separate juvenile courts go directly to the Supreme Court. Douglas County has two judges; Lancaster and Sarpy counties each has one. The judges are selected and retained under the merit plan.

CASE FILINGS (1977-1980)

SEPARATE JUVENILE COURT CASE FILINGS

	1977	1978	1979	1980
Sarpy	516*	472	409	391
Douglas	1,079	914	851	955
Lancaster	387	341	388	557
TOTAL	1,982	1,727	1,648	1,903

*first 11 months of operation

Figure 5

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COURT

The Nebraska Workmen's Compensation Court has authority to administer and enforce all provisions of the Nebraska Workmen's Compensation Act, which includes original jurisdiction of all claims for workmen's compensation benefits resulting from occupational injuries or illnesses. All industrial accidents are required to be reported to this court.

The court consists of five judges, one of whom is elected by them as presiding judge. Compensation court judges have statewide jurisdiction and travel to all parts of the state to hold hearings in county seats.

All disputed claims for workmen's compensation are submitted to the Workmen's Compensation Court for finding, award, order, or judgment. One judge of the court hears all disputed cases in the first instance, and all cases on rehearing are heard before three judges sitting en banc. Appeals from the judgment of the compensation court after a rehearing go directly to the Supreme Court.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COURT CASES

(Fiscal year ending June 30, 1980)

	Hearing Level (One Judge)	Rehearing Level (Three Judges)	Appealed Supreme Court
Pending at Beginning of Fiscal Year	159	56	17
New Case Filings	612	201	27
TOTAL	771	257	44
Total Dispositions	572	174	20
Pending at End of Fiscal Year	199	83	24

The Workmen's Compensation Court processed an additional 468 lump sum settlements for which there was no previous court action.

Figure 6

OFFICE OF THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Creation of the Office of the State Court Administrator was authorized by Nebraska voters in 1970 when they approved amendments revising the judicial article of the Constitution. Among the revisions was the adoption of the following provision:

> In accordance with rules established by the Supreme Court and not in conflict with other provisions of this Constitution and laws governing such matters, general administrative authority over all courts in this state shall be exercised by the Chief Justice. The Chief Justice shall be the executive head of the courts and may appoint an administrative director thereof.

When the 1972 Legislature adopted Legislative Bill 1032, establishing the new county court system and giving the Supreme Court responsibility for its implementation, Chief Justice Paul W. White appointed James E. Dunlevey as Nebraska's first state court administrator, effective July 1, 1972.

In October 1979 Dunlevey resigned his position after seven more years of service. Chief Justice Norman Krivosha appointed Joseph C. Steele as state court administrator.

The Office of the State Court Administrator is an adjunct to the Supreme Court, assisting the court and the chief justice in the exercise of their administrative duties.

During the early years of its operation, the court administrator's office concentrated almost exclusively on implementing the reorganization of the county court system. With the new system in operation, the office turned to projects assisting the courts in case processing and records management, and the development of a statistical reporting system for both the county and district courts. A uniform accounting system has been implemented for all county courts, along with improved in-service training programs for court personnel.

Ongoing responsibilities of the office include development, presentation, and management of the courts' budgets; review of all legislation for impact on the courts; providing information to the public; developing and presenting judicial education programs; assisting in the development of improved court facilities throughout the state, and assisting in the development of caseflow management systems.

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FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

JUDICIAL EXPENDITURES

The financing of Nebraska's courts is a mixed state and local responsibility. This makes it difficult to determine exact expenditures for the operation of all of the courts of the state. The court administrator's office has sought information from individual courts and has reviewed county budgets on file in the Office of the State Auditor.

From this effort, it is obvious that counties employ a variety of budgeting methods. Some appear to include capital expenditures within the operating budgets of the clerks of the district court. Others appear to include probation expenses within county court budgets. But not all counties do one or more of these things.

This year the court administrator's office attempted to identify some of the local costs that are judicial services to the county rather than specific district court or county court expenditures.

EXPENDITURES

(Fiscal Year 1979-1980)

	STATE FUNDS	LOCAL FUNDS	TOTAL
Supreme Court	$1,229,126	—	$1,229,126
County Courts			
Personnel	4,278,291	—	
Operating Expenses	—	$636,919	4,915,210
District Courts			
Personnel	2,035,392	2,140,498	
Operating Expenses	75,715	508,207	
Court Reporters	1,096,030	—	
Separate Juvenile Courts	—*	1,278,743	7,134,585
County and/or District Courts			
Probation	2,076,197	—**	
Jury	—	873,129	
Indigent Defense	—	2,151,224	
Support Service Costs	—	738,244	
Uncollectable Court Costs	—	78,193	
Special Services	—	800,653	
Data Processing	—	139,340	
Other	—	753,543	7,810,523
Workmen's Compensation Court	517,573	—	517,573
Municipal Courts	—	2,073,928***	2,073,928
TOTAL	$11,308,324	$12,172,621	$23,480,945

* Judges' salaries contained in state funded district court personnel.
** Local probation funding contained in judicial services and municipal courts.
*** Municipal courts funded by their respective cities.

Figure 7

JUDICIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Less than two percent of the total state budget is allocated to the judicial branch. The Supreme Court and the Workmen's Compensation Court are entirely state financed.

The county court system is approximately 90 percent state financed, the state paying all personnel costs, including travel, and expenses associated with tape recording equipment. Counties are responsible for providing office supplies, equipment, and facilities.

Salaries and expenses of the district court judges and separate juvenile court judges and their court reporters are paid by the state. Counties are responsible for other operating costs of the district and separate juvenile courts, including clerical personnel.

The Omaha and Lincoln municipal courts are financed entirely by the respective cities.

Operation of the statewide probation system is the statutory responsibility of the Nebraska Probation Systems Committee. This committee is comprised of district and county judges, and members of the field probation service. The system serves both the district and county courts. Probation staffs of the separate juvenile courts in Douglas, Lancaster, and Sarpy counties are paid by the counties.

APPROPRIATIONS

(Fiscal Year 1980-1981)

	STATE FUNDS	LOCAL FUNDS	TOTAL
Supreme Court	$1,458,377	—	$1,458,377
County Courts			
Personnel	4,895,736	—	
Operating Expenses	—	$759,370	5,655,106
District Courts			
Personnel	2,271,666	2,328,081	
Operating Expenses	104,043	641,892	
Court Reporters	1,272,039	—	
Separate Juvenile Courts	—*	1,402,505	8,020,226
County and/or District Courts			
Probation	2,311,861	—**	
Jury	—	1,149,572	
Indigent Defense	—	2,511,703	
Support Service Costs	—	814,666	
Uncollectable Court Costs	—	131,687	
Special Services	—	1,110,428	
Data Processing	—	151,671	
Other	—	974,396	9,155,984
Workmen's Compensation Court	551,173	—	551,173
Municipal Courts	—	2,317,644***	2,317,644
TOTAL	$12,864,895	$14,293,615	$27,158,510

* Judges' salaries contained in state funded district court personnel.
** Local probation funding contained in judicial services and municipal courts.
*** Municipal courts funded by their respective cities.

Figure 8

DISTRIBUTION OF COURT-GENERATED REVENUE

Fees and cost collected by the Supreme Court, the county courts, and the Workmen's Compensation Court are deposited in the State General Fund. Counties receive fees and costs collected by the district courts, and the cities of Lincoln and Omaha retain the fees and costs from the municipal courts.

Nebraska's Constitution prescribes the distribution of fines collected by the courts, with most of the money being distributed to school districts. Fines resulting from truck overload violations are split between the state highway fund (75 percent) and the general fund of the county in which the violation occurs (25 percent).

The courts collect a $1 fee in each civil and criminal case for the judges retirement fund, and a fee based on the value of the estate in probate cases. In all criminal and traffic cases in which there is a conviction, the courts collect a $1 fee for the Law Enforcement Improvement Fund, which supports the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy.

The table on page 8 summarizes the distribution of court-generated revenue for calendar 1980.

1980 DISTRIBUTION OF COURT-GENERATED REVENUE

	TO STATE FUNDS	TO LOCAL FUNDS	TOTAL DISTRIBUTION
County Courts			
Fines (Statute)		$4,953,247	
Fines (Ordinance)		650,572	
Overload Fines	$860,507	286,835	
Liquidated Damages	24,745		
Fees and Costs	2,398,407		
Law Enforcement Improvement Fund	225,034		
Judges Retirement Fund	305,274		
Miscellaneous Local Fees		277,493	
TOTAL	$3,813,967	$6,168,147	
			$9,982,114
District Courts			
Fines		$174,792	
Fees		1,037,897	
Law Enforcement Improvement Fund	$3,264		
Judges Retirement Fund	28,794		
TOTAL	$32,058	$1,212,689	
			$1,244,747
Municipal Courts			
Fines (Statute)		$637,679	
Fines (Ordinances)		1,107,431	
Overload Fines	$55 163	18,388	
Fees and Costs		1,262,245	
Law Enforcement Improvement Fund	105,359		
Judges Retirement Fund	126,961		
TOTAL	$287,483	$3,025,743	
			$3,313,226
Workmen's Compensation Court			
Assessments	$184,237		
TOTAL	$184,237		
			$184,237
Supreme Court			
Fees and Costs	$18,816		
Library Sales	164,250		
TOTAL	$183,066		
			$183,066
TOTAL FUNDS DISTRIBUTED	**$4,500,811**	**$10,406,579**	**$14,907,390**

In addition, inheritance tax assessments are made by the county courts. These funds are payable directly to the counties. Total assessments for 1980 were $8,441,573.

Figure 9

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

GUIDELINES DEVELOPED FOR OPEN HEARINGS

The Nebraska Supreme Court has adopted guidelines to aid judges of Nebraska courts in determining when, if at all, a court proceeding should be closed to the public, in whole or in part.

The guidelines stipulate that all proceedings will be open to the public except where the voluntariness of a confession may be seriously disputed or when the defendant is seeking to suppress evidence allegedly obtained illegally.

Chief Justice Norman Krivosha noted that the guidelines were formulated on the general principle that all trials and proceedings are to be open to the public, except if there is a substantial likelihood that by permitting a portion of the proceeding to remain open, the defendant will be denied a fair trial, and there are no other reasonable alternatives available to protect against such substantial and adverse effect.

The guidelines were proposed by a subcommittee of judges, which had gathered input from the media and bar association. The subcommittee included Krivosha, District Judges Theodore Richling of Omaha, Merritt Warren of Creighton, and County Judges Robert Camp of Lincoln, and Richard DeBacker of Grand Island (Judge DeBacker has since been named District Judge for the 10th Judicial District).

VALLEY HOPE HONORS JUDGES

In November, 1980, the Valley Hope Association presented to the judges of the state its Humanitarian Service Award for their pioneering achievements as participants in the nation's first judicial alcohol and drug in-patient training program.

Nebraska judges have been participating in a training program designed to help them better understand the problems of the individual addicted to alcohol and drugs. All of the Nebraska judges were invited to voluntarily attend a one-week training session at the Valley Hope Treatment Centers in Norton, Kansas, and O'Neill, Nebraska. The Valley Hope Treatment Centers are dedicated to the rehabilitation of patients chemically dependent upon alcohol and drugs.

Throughout 1980, in nine separate sessions, a number of judges, three to seven at a time, spent five days and nights with the patients at the treatment centers. Approximately 60 percent of all Nebraska judges have now attended the program. The judges were identified to the patients as outsiders and observers. At the same time, they were invited and expected to participate in group discussions. They attended and participated in group therapy sessions, attended the lectures, met with the treatment staff, ate their meals with the patients, and generally interacted with them in an effort to develop a more sensitive understanding of their problems.

The program originated in 1979 when Robert Keller, state probation administrator, and Dr. William Leipold, director of Valley Hope, designed the program for the state's probation officers. The program was so well-received by the probation officers that it was expanded to include the state's judiciary.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Norman Krivosha, who attended one of the nine sessions, said that the program was designed to accomplish three objectives. First, the seminars helped the judges understand the disease of alcoholism. Second, they helped the judges understand the limitations of an alcoholic so that the judge would not impose requirements on a defendant which would insure failure. And finally, the judges learned what rehabilitation programs are available and the kinds of treatment that are effective for those with chemical dependency problems.

Nearly all of the 60 judges who participated in the program reported that it was a very worthwhile experience. Typical of their comments:

"It was probably one of the best training sessions I have attended since graduation from law school."

"I would recommend that all judges who can possibly attend this program do so. They will have a much better understanding of how to help people with chemical problems."

"This is a tremendous program. I would sincerely urge all judges to attend. It was very beneficial to me."

"It is an excellent program and one which every judge in the state should attend. As a matter of fact, I am not sure that it shouldn't be attended by every citizen in the State of Nebraska."

"This session taught me that there is always a chance that treatment will take and one should not give up even after many tries."

The seminars were funded by the Nebraska Highway Safety Program through a federal grant administered by the state court administrator. Continuation of the funding for 1981 has been obtained for those judges that were previously unable to attend and want to do so in the upcoming year. Future plans are being formulated to include this session in the new judges' orientation programs.

EXPERIMENT BECOMES MANDATORY IN DOMESTIC RELATIONS, TORT APPEALS

The Nebraska Supreme Court's Settlement Conference, which began as an experiment in 1979, has been expanded and made a mandatory step in domestic relations and tort appeals. All other civil appeals may go to the Prehearing Conference on a voluntary basis.

The Prehearing Conference gives the parties an opportunity to settle the case or at least narrow the issues before the case reaches the full Supreme Court for argument.

During the period beginning April 1, 1979 to and including Dec. 31, 1980, 201 conferences were held before the Honorable Harry Spencer, a retired member of the Supreme Court. As a result of those conferences, 90 cases were settled and removed from the court docket prior to argument.

Presently staffed by Spencer and retired District Judge Herbert Ronin, the procedure requires that meetings to settle a domestic relations or tort cases be held with the attorneys and the conference officer within 20 days after the filing of the notice of appeal and before either a transcript or Bill of Exceptions is prepared.

If the case is not settled, attempts are made to narrow the issues and to agree on the Bill of Exceptions, reducing the size of the Bill of Exceptions so it contains only that evidence necessary for a determination of appeal. Such efforts are intended to reduce the cost of litigation and the amount of paper the court must handle in deciding the case.

If the conference efforts are unsuccessful in settling the case, the prehearing conference officer recommends to the court whether the appeal can be disposed of with or without oral argument, and if a formal opinion should be written or simply a notice of decision made.

STUDIES EXAMINE PROCEDURES, RULES

The Nebraska Supreme Court has requested several judges to chair committees to study litigation processes and costs and the structure of the bar discipline procedures.

Supreme Court Judge William Hastings and his committee of district, county, and municipal judges, are examining time periods of the litigation process. The committee will recommend to the court rules that can be adopted whereby once a case is filed, it must be brought to issue within a specific period of time unless otherwise permitted for a good cause.

District Judge Dale Fahrnbruch, chairman of the Supreme Court Committee on Procedures, is studying procedural changes that might reduce costs and delay of litigation.

A Supreme Court report stated that these changes "would involve things such as limiting the number of interrogatories which could be filed without permission of the court, and eliminating the current motion pleading practice and adopting a system more in line with the Federal practice."

In a third study recommendation, Supreme Court Judge C. Thomas White and his subcommittee, in cooperation with the Nebraska State Bar Association, is re-examining the overall structure of the bar discipline procedures.

"The subcommittee will recommend to the Supreme Court, what, if any, changes should be made in the procedure for handling complaints filed against lawyers," said the report. "Some revisions are required to insure that, on the one hand, a lawyer falsely accused may be exonerated without delay, while on the other hand, a valid complaint is promptly handled."

COURT EXPERIMENTS WITH CAMERAS IN COURTROOM

The Nebraska Supreme Court has been experimenting with cameras in the courtroom. Last October the Nebraska Educational Television (NETV) and the University of Nebraska's radio station taped the Supreme Court hearing arguments at Creighton University Law School. Upon the rendering of the decisions in the cases heard during the taping, an educational program will be developed for broadcast on the NETV network.

Chief Justice Norman Krivosha noted that this was an experimental project for the purpose of producing educational material on the workings of the Supreme Court for viewing by the general public. He also added that the taping will help determine some of the technical problems of having a camera in the appellate court during argument.

The Court Administrator's Office is conducting a study of cameras in courtrooms, examining the experiences in the other states which have allowed cameras in their courtrooms. Findings will be submitted to the Supreme Court for further consideration.

JUDGES RECEIVE 167 ASSIGNMENTS

During 1980, 26 of Nebraska's 44 county judges were assigned to judicial districts outside of their home districts, according to figures compiled by the State Court Administrator's Office.

Nebraska Statute 24-516 authorizes the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to assign judges to other districts for purposes beneficial to the administration of justice or "in the event of a vacancy in the office of the county judge, or the disqualification, absence or the temporary incapacity of a county judge."

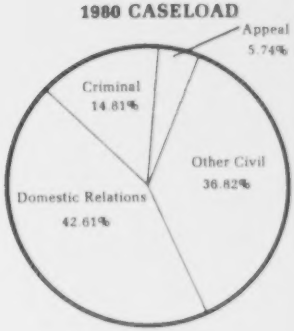
A total of 167 judicial assignments were made in 1980, covering 225 working days in which county judges received assignments. State Court Administrator Joe C. Steele said that approximately 50 of those days included assignments on a standby basis to cover for vacancies, illnesses and vacations, however no actual appearances in the assigned counties were made.

Statistics indicate that of the approximate 175 days of actual appearance, the most frequently assigned county judges were: Judge Clarence C. Kunc of Wilber, 32 days; Judge Thomas Dorwart of Sidney, 25 days; and Judge John Icenogle of Kearney, 12 days.

APPENDIX

DISTRICT COURT STATISTICS

APPENDIX A: Total Filings By Year



	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
YEARLY TOTALS	**21,872**	**21,683**	**22,028**	**22,457**	**21,876**	**23,750**
1st Judicial District						
Johnson	25	36	30	35	38	42
Nemaha	60	75	93	56	77	117
Pawnee	28	19	24	38	27	37
Richardson	90	102	92	91	90	104
DISTRICT TOTAL	203	232	239	220	232	300
2nd Judicial District						
Cass	183	243	242	206	244	264
Otoe	145	131	129	198	172	179
Sarpy	929	944	1,026	1,010	1,162	1,188
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,257	1,318	1,397	1,414	1,578	1,631
3rd Judicial District						
Lancaster	3,438	3,229	3,553	3,424	3,476	3,962
DISTRICT TOTAL	3,438	3,229	3,553	3,424	3,476	3,962
4th Judicial District						
Douglas	8,486	7,906	7,520	7,890	7,082	7,564
DISTRICT TOTAL	8,486	7,906	7,520	7,890	7,082	7,564
5th Judicial District						
Butler	61	56	63	82	67	69
Hamilton	66	66	51	74	81	86
Polk	31	56	44	33	41	64
Saunders	188	224	164	238	201	206
Seward	110	135	103	133	163	167
York	145	172	153	188	170	182
DISTRICT TOTAL	601	709	578	748	723	774

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Lincoln	549	526	587	596	527	601
Logan	9	5	7	23	16	12
McPherson	0	0	3	10	1	5
Thomas	20	10	2	14	4	4
DISTRICT TOTAL	992	946	1,096	1,078	1,009	1,168
14th Judicial District						
Chase	49	55	94	56	49	64
Dundy	13	26	15	22	27	45
Frontier	6	26	23	32	28	26
Furnas	46	65	58	72	56	77
Gosper	14	22	39	25	24	18
Hayes	8	10	10	18	13	10
Hitchcock	25	34	38	41	37	34
Perkins	28	36	41	24	20	39
Red Willow	158	151	162	187	183	152
DISTRICT TOTAL	347	425	480	477	437	465
15th Judicial District						
Boyd	5	23	23	13	25	18
Brown	46	59	70	67	71	80
Cherry	78	69	70	85	63	64
Holt	102	128	102	145	89	135
Keya Paha	15	8	9	12	9	13
Rock	19	20	11	26	32	31
DISTRICT TOTAL	265	307	285	348	289	341
16th Judicial District						
Box Butte	174	169	173	187	195	221
Dawes	102	110	123	156	137	147
Grant	11	7	30	10	9	8
Sheridan	146	104	108	113	124	124
Sioux	13	12	11	9	12	15
DISTRICT TOTAL	446	402	445	475	477	515
17th Judicial District						
Garden	37	45	27	27	31	20
Morrill	53	54	72	61	51	83
Scotts Bluff	625	721	809	776	857	871
DISTRICT TOTAL	715	820	908	864	939	974
18th Judicial District						
Gage	216	232	233	251	245	249
Jefferson	101	75	115	92	108	106
DISTRICT TOTAL	317	307	348	343	353	355
19th Judicial District						
Banner	7	4	9	11	11	9
Cheyenne	161	156	153	162	134	141
Deuel	34	31	24	24	19	24
Kimball	82	73	104	80	84	68
DISTRICT TOTAL	284	264	290	277	248	242

6th Judicial District						
Burt	86	68	84	91	80	95
Dodge	449	460	557	500	460	523
Thurston	76	112	123	112	81	90
Washington	162	143	175	151	178	176
DISTRICT TOTAL	773	783	939	854	799	884
7th Judicial District						
Fillmore	77	46	45	57	76	70
Nuckolls	56	81	45	43	52	55
Saline	73	71	105	96	104	107
Thayer	54	49	45	47	51	53
DISTRICT TOTAL	260	247	240	243	283	285
8th Judicial District						
Cedar	32	47	53	58	53	62
Dakota	223	293	309	300	273	352
Dixon	30	31	44	32	52	68
DISTRICT TOTAL	285	371	406	390	378	482
9th Judicial District						
Antelope	55	59	73	48	47	77
Cuming	62	49	21	52	46	71
Knox	67	73	62	65	73	122
Madison	312	317	371	340	376	427
Pierce	38	43	58	55	56	60
Stanton	54	46	33	34	51	45
Wayne	45	57	47	51	66	51
DISTRICT TOTAL	633	644	665	645	715	853
10th Judicial District						
Adams	263	311	341	350	367	389
Clay	53	74	67	81	85	68
Franklin	28	30	33	27	23	44
Harlan	43	33	37	42	48	35
Kearney	49	57	54	62	72	85
Phelps	94	143	114	117	109	120
Webster	51	68	41	48	41	N/A
DISTRICT TOTAL	581	716	687	727	745	741
11th Judicial District						
Hall	728	751	630	820	792	902
Howard	51	40	38	27	54	60
DISTRICT TOTAL	779	791	668	847	846	962
12th Judicial District						
Buffalo	377	439	402	417	409	466
Sherman	41	36	44	36	37	30
DISTRICT TOTAL	418	475	446	453	446	496
13th Judicial District						
Arthur	3	2	2	0	7	9
Dawson	251	251	308	276	304	378
Hooker	4	5	3	6	5	8
Keith	156	147	184	153	145	151

20th Judicial District						
Blaine	4	4	7	5	6	6
Custer	134	117	123	133	128	127
Garfield	17	21	16	19	17	19
Greeley	14	15	15	25	22	13
Loup	5	13	12	14	16	7
Valley	24	51	28	38	29	N/A
Wheeler	3	1	6	13	11	7
DISTRICT TOTAL	201	222	207	247	229	179
21st Judicial District						
Boone	56	60	70	58	42	42
Colfax	83	58	76	63	93	91
Merrick	103	115	104	89	118	81
Nance	43	34	37	23	56	40
Platte	306	302	344	260	283	323
DISTRICT TOTAL	591	569	631	493	592	577

APPENDIX B: 1980 Case Activity

	Beginning Inventory	New Filings	Reopened Cases	Dispositions	Ending Inventory
STATE TOTAL	**17,488***	**23,750**	**10,592**	**30,229**	**17,797****
1st Judicial District					
Johnson* (30)	27	42	1	34	36
Nemaha	50	117	39	99	107
Pawnee	18	37	2	22	35
Richardson	71	104	14	118	71
DISTRICT TOTAL	166	300	56	273	249
2nd Judicial District					
Cass	179	264	33	281	195
Otoe	141	179	54	208	166
Sarpy	1,296	1,188	456	1,615	1,325
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,616	1,631	543	2,104	1,686
3rd Judicial District					
Lancaster* (2,547)	2,812	3,962	3,997	4,840	2,873**
DISTRICT TOTAL	2,812	3,962	3,997	4,840	2,873
4th Judicial District					
Douglas* (5,710)	6,046	7,564	2,483	10,216	5,877
DISTRICT TOTAL	6,046	7,564	2,843	10,216	5,877

* Variance between this year's beginning balance and last year's ending balance is due to recounting and correcting entries.

** Disparity in ending inventory is due to improper reporting of reopened case dispositions in Lancaster and Hall counties.

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APPENDIX B: 1980 Case Activity *(continued)*

	Beginning Inventory	New Filings	Reopened Cases	Dispositions	Ending Inventory
5th Judicial District					
Butler	36	69	10	84	31
Hamilton	36	86	9	89	42
Polk	31	64	14	60	49
Saunders	164	206	83	322	131
Seward	111	167	35	194	119
York	102	182	119	309	94
DISTRICT TOTAL	480	774	270	1,058	466
6th Judicial District					
Burt* (60)	61	95	55	139	72
Dodge* (284)	333	523	76	689	243
Thurston	50	90	27	97	70
Washington* (89)	134	176	2	162	150
DISTRICT TOTAL	578	884	160	1,087	535
7th Judicial District					
Fillmore* (42)	41	70	5	81	35
Nuckolls	33	55	1	55	34
Saline	86	107	6	125	74
Thayer	46	53	25	75	49
DISTRICT TOTAL	206	285	37	336	192
8th Judicial District					
Cedar	29	62	0	61	30
Dakota	144	352	360	641	215
Dixon* (36)	37	68	18	83	40
DISTRICT TOTAL	210	482	378	785	285
9th Judicial District					
Antelope	27	77	14	72	46
Cuming	30	71	25	83	43
Knox	38	122	11	136	35
Madison* (187)	193	427	101	527	194
Pierce	26	60	28	87	27
Stanton	26	45	38	82	27
Wayne	42	51	11	66	38
DISTRICT TOTAL	382	853	228	1,053	410
10th Judicial District					
Adams	166	389	122	344	333
Clay	79	68	22	122	47
Franklin	34	44	0	38	40
Harlan	65	35	3	58	45
Kearney	80	85	24	90	99
Phelps	167	120	0	160	127
Webster	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DISTRICT TOTAL	591	741	171	812	691

	Beginning Inventory	New Filings	Reopened Cases	Dispositions	Ending Inventory
17th Judicial District					
Garden	31	20	3	27	27
Morrill	62	83	15	68	92
Scotts Bluff* (692)	675	871	202	1,070	678
DISTRICT TOTAL	768	974	220	1,165	797
18th Judicial District					
Gage	159	249	74	314	168
Jefferson	45	106	19	107	63
DISTRICT TOTAL	204	355	93	421	231
19th Judicial District					
Banner	13	9	0	8	14
Cheyenne	87	141	58	202	84
Deuel	12	24	0	21	15
Kimball* (117)	108	68	17	105	88
DISTRICT TOTAL	220	242	75	336	201
20th Judicial District					
Blaine	8	6	0	8	6
Custer	160	127	30	146	171
Garfield	25	19	0	20	24
Greeley* (30)	31	13	0	16	28
Loup	20	7	1	8	20
Valley	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wheeler	13	7	1	3	18
DISTRICT TOTAL	257	179	32	201	267
21st Judicial District					
Boone	50	42	7	59	40
Colfax	42	91	26	73	86
Merrick* (73)	72	81	41	135	59
Nance* (39)	40	40	2	41	41
Platte	230	323	34	373	214
DISTRICT TOTAL	434	577	110	681	440

* Variance between this year's beginning balance and last year's ending balance is due to recounting and correcting entries.

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APPENDIX C:
Criminal and Domestic Relations Cases

The district courts experienced a slight increase in filings of criminal and domestic relations cases during 1980. In 1979 there were 3,204 criminal cases and 9,976 domestic relations cases filed compared to the 3,518 criminal cases and 10,122 domestic relations cases in 1980.

11th Judicial District					
Hall* (559)	549	902	746	807	644**
Howard* (51)	47	60	2	59	50
DISTRICT TOTAL	596	962	748	866	694
12th Judicial District					
Buffalo	190	466	252	671	237
Sherman	34	30	10	51	23
DISTRICT TOTAL	224	496	262	722	260
13th Judicial District					
Arthur	4	9	0	12	1
Dawson	259	378	101	529	209
Hooker	2	8	2	5	7
Keith	119	151	85	215	140
Lincoln	458	601	243	901	401
Logan	18	12	0	16	14
McPherson	1	5	0	2	4
Thomas	4	4	2	5	5
DISTRICT TOTAL	865	1,168	433	1,685	781
14th Judicial District					
Chase	26	64	11	61	40
Dundy	15	45	1	32	29
Frontier	15	26	1	25	17
Furnas	34	77	5	78	38
Gosper	15	18	4	30	7
Hayes	12	10	3	19	6
Hitchcock	33	34	1	50	18
Perkins* (25)	26	39	1	32	34
Red Willow	94	152	73	227	92
DISTRICT TOTAL	270	465	100	554	281
15th Judicial District					
Boyd* (25)	27	18	3	27	21
Brown* (61)	85	80	1	96	70
Cherry	44	64	8	70	46
Holt	120	135	58	189	124
Keya Paha	11	13	2	11	15
Rock	42	31	2	20	55
DISTRICT TOTAL	329	341	74	413	331
16th Judicial District					
Box Butte	93	221	34	261	87
Dawes	55	147	52	173	81
Grant	6	8	0	9	5
Sheridan	69	124	35	165	63
Sioux* (10)	11	15	1	13	14
DISTRICT TOTAL	234	515	122	621	250

	CRIMINAL			DOMESTIC RELATIONS		
	Filed	Reopened	Disposed	Filed	Reopened	Disposed
STATE TOTAL	**3,518**	**1,034**	**3,955**	**10,122**	**7,491**	**15,496**
1st Judicial District						
Johnson	9	0	9	30	1	19
Nemaha	25	0	10	42	34	56
Pawnee	8	1	4	17	1	10
Richardson	28	3	32	49	10	56
DISTRICT TOTAL	70	4	55	138	46	141
2nd Judicial District						
Cass	31	0	17	92	24	123
Otoe	19	17	40	90	32	109
Sarpy	116	11	115	724	413	1,154
DISTRICT TOTAL	166	28	172	906	469	1,386
3rd Judicial District						
Lancaster	592	606	723	1,200	2,704	2,210
DISTRICT TOTAL	592	606	723	1,200	2,704	2,210
4th Judicial District						
Douglas	1,306	0	1,260	3,395	1,635	5,174
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,306	0	1,260	3,395	1,635	5,174
5th Judicial District						
Butler	14	5	19	24	4	30
Hamilton	18	1	23	32	7	33
Polk	4	1	5	26	10	28
Saunders	40	10	63	76	52	139
Seward	23	15	33	51	13	65
York	34	32	73	78	72	154
DISTRICT TOTAL	133	64	216	287	158	449
6th Judicial District						
Burt	5	8	13	48	33	71
Dodge	77	2	82	281	74	392
Thurston	9	4	11	41	22	52
Washington	33	0	31	72	2	70
DISTRICT TOTAL	124	14	137	442	131	585
7th Judicial District						
Fillmore	18	2	22	34	1	42
Nuckolls	1	0	3	27	1	26
Saline	11	1	15	54	5	61
Thayer	1	0	0	29	24	56
DISTRICT TOTAL	31	3	40	144	31	185
8th Judicial District						
Cedar	4	0	7	24	0	23
Dakota	33	64	98	202	275	407
Dixon	0	0	1	31	16	48
DISTRICT TOTAL	37	64	106	257	291	478

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APPENDIX C:

Criminal and Domestic Relations Cases *(continued)*

	CRIMINAL			DOMESTIC RELATIONS		
	Filed	Reopened	Disposed	Filed	Reopened	Disposed
9th Judicial District						
Antelope	18	0	16	23	7	26
Cuming	3	3	9	23	15	41
Knox	5	1	2	38	8	48
Madison	32	1	41	228	92	336
Pierce	7	0	9	20	28	43
Stanton	3	6	13	20	29	51
Wayne	2	0	4	26	11	39
DISTRICT TOTAL	70	11	94	378	190	584
10th Judicial District						
Adams	59	3	35	169	113	230
Clay	3	0	2	38	14	73
Franklin	7	0	7	12	0	10
Harlan	4	0	11	14	0	14
Kearney	18	3	15	28	14	44
Phelps	11	0	17	53	0	77
Webster	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DISTRICT TOTAL	102	6	87	314	141	448
11th Judicial District						
Hall	157	69	139	338	508	328
Howard	7	0	11	23	0	24
DISTRICT TOTAL	164	69	150	361	508	352
12th Judicial District						
Buffalo	60	20	73	225	202	413
Sherman	1	0	0	10	9	27
DISTRICT TOTAL	61	20	73	235	211	440
13th Judicial District						
Arthur	2	0	2	3	0	4
Dawson	73	41	140	133	53	204
Hooker	1	0	1	2	2	3
Keith	26	11	30	70	67	121
Lincoln	108	23	141	246	177	480
Logan	0	0	0	2	0	5
McPherson	0	0	0	1	0	0
Thomas	0	0	0	3	0	3
DISTRICT TOTAL	210	75	314	460	299	820
14th Judicial District						
Chase	0	1	3	22	10	35
Dundy	3	0	4	13	1	16
Frontier	3	1	6	13	0	13
Furnas	4	0	4	37	5	36

APPENDIX D: 1980 Civil Cases and Appeals

In 1980, 8,746 civil cases were filed compared to 7,613 in 1979, representing a 15 percent increase. In addition, there were 1,364 appeals in 1980 compared to 1,063 appeals in 1979, an increase of 26 percent.

	OTHER CIVIL			APPEALS		
	Filed	Reopened	Disposed	Filed	Reopened	Disposed
STATE TOTAL	**8,746**	**1,638**	**9,124**	**1,364**	**429**	**1,654**
1st Judicial District						
Johnson	3	0	6	0	0	0
Nemaha	43	4	27	7	1	6
Pawnee	8	0	5	4	0	3
Richardson	27	1	30	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	81	5	68	11	1	9
2nd Judicial District						
Cass	135	8	129	6	1	12
Otoe	50	5	43	20	0	16
Sarpy	316	30	320	32	2	26
DISTRICT TOTAL	501	43	492	58	3	54
3rd Judicial District						
Lancaster	1,778	515	1,398	392	172	509
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,778	515	1,398	392	172	509
4th Judicial District						
Douglas	2,557	627	3,301	306	221	481
DISTRICT TOTAL	2,557	627	3,301	306	221	481
5th Judicial District						
Butler	22	1	21	9	0	14
Hamilton	32	1	29	4	0	4
Polk	25	3	21	9	0	6
Saunders	76	18	99	14	3	21
Seward	67	7	67	26	0	29
York	46	7	49	24	8	33
DISTRICT TOTAL	268	37	286	86	11	107
6th Judicial District						
Burt	41	14	54	1	0	1
Dodge	129	0	187	36	0	28
Thurston	33	1	27	7	0	7
Washington	71	0	60	0	0	1
DISTRICT TOTAL	274	15	328	44	0	37
7th Judicial District						
Fillmore	18	2	17	0	0	0
Nuckolls	27	0	26	0	0	0
Saline	37	0	37	5	0	12
Thayer	22	1	19	1	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	104	3	99	6	0	12

Gosper	3	0	4	8	3	13
Hayes	0	0	0	1	3	7
Hitchcock	0	0	0	18	1	18
Perkins	0	0	1	7	1	5
Red Willow	29	11	30	81	52	136
DISTRICT TOTAL	42	13	52	200	76	279
15th Judicial District						
Boyd	1	0	1	8	2	8
Brown	4	1	6	41	0	38
Cherry	2	0	5	30	8	34
Holt	7	6	12	42	36	82
Keya Paha	0	0	1	4	2	5
Rock	3	0	2	4	2	5
DISTRICT TOTAL	17	7	27	129	50	172
16th Judicial District						
Box Butte	40	10	61	89	24	108
Dawes	40	3	40	54	45	87
Grant	0	0	1	7	0	6
Sheridan	38	3	43	47	31	84
Sioux	1	0	0	5	1	5
DISTRICT TOTAL	119	16	145	202	101	290
17th Judicial District						
Garden	2	0	4	11	3	15
Morrill	7	0	4	25	10	31
Scotts Bluff	121	5	109	407	195	616
DISTRICT TOTAL	130	5	117	443	208	662
18th Judicial District						
Gage	26	5	25	144	65	198
Jefferson	15	0	12	45	18	60
DISTRICT TOTAL	41	5	37	189	83	258
19th Judicial District						
Banner	0	0	0	2	0	3
Cheyenne	24	3	29	68	48	122
Deuel	8	0	8	8	0	7
Kimball	8	2	18	31	11	43
DISTRICT TOTAL	40	5	55	109	59	175
20th Judicial District						
Blaine	0	0	0	2	0	2
Custer	10	0	9	63	29	79
Garfield	2	0	3	11	0	12
Greeley	1	0	2	6	0	5
Loup	0	0	0	0	1	3
Valley	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wheeler	0	0	0	2	1	1
DISTRICT TOTAL	13	0	14	84	31	102
21st Judicial District						
Boone	5	0	9	19	7	24
Colfax	7	8	13	38	15	37
Merrick	6	7	18	26	24	52
Nance	8	1	10	9	1	8
Platte	24	3	31	157	22	185
DISTRICT TOTAL	50	19	81	249	69	306

8th Judicial District						
Cedar	34	0	31	0	0	0
Dakota	99	21	121	18	0	15
Dixon	36	1	30	1	1	4
DISTRICT TOTAL	169	22	182	19	1	19
9th Judicial District						
Antelope	36	7	30	0	0	0
Cuming	37	3	25	8	4	8
Knox	77	2	84	2	0	2
Madison	140	7	119	27	1	31
Pierce	31	0	33	2	0	2
Stanton	20	3	17	2	0	1
Wayne	22	0	21	1	0	2
DISTRICT TOTAL	363	22	329	42	5	46
10th Judicial District						
Adams	161	6	79	0	0	0
Clay	23	8	45	4	0	2
Franklin	25	0	21	0	0	0
Harlan	17	3	30	0	0	3
Kearney	35	7	29	4	0	2
Phelps	51	0	58	5	0	8
Webster	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
DISTRICT TOTAL	312	24	262	13	0	15
11th Judicial District						
Hall	378	169	324	29	0	16
Howard	30	2	24	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	408	171	348	29	0	16
12th Judicial District						
Buffalo	160	25	165	21	5	20
Sherman	16	1	23	3	0	1
DISTRICT TOTAL	176	26	188	24	5	21
13th Judicial District						
Arthur	4	0	6	0	0	0
Dawson	108	4	123	64	3	62
Hooker	3	0	0	2	0	1
Keith	55	7	64	0	0	0
Lincoln	211	43	236	36	0	44
Logan	10	0	11	0	0	0
McPherson	4	0	2	0	0	0
Thomas	1	2	2	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	396	56	444	102	3	107
14th Judicial District						
Chase	41	0	23	1	0	0
Dundy	29	0	12	0	0	0
Frontier	9	0	5	1	0	1
Furnas	32	0	37	4	0	1
Gosper	6	1	12	1	0	1
Hayes	9	0	12	0	0	0

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	OTHER CIVIL			APPEALS		
	Filed	Reopened	Disposed	Filed	Reopened	Disposed
Hitchcock	16	0	26	0	0	6
Perkins	30	0	26	2	0	0
Red Willow	36	10	56	6	0	5
DISTRICT TOTAL	208	11	209	15	0	14
15th Judicial District						
Boyd	9	0	17	0	1	1
Brown	33	0	51	2	0	1
Cherry	30	0	31	2	0	0
Holt	82	16	95	4	0	0
Keya Paha	9	0	4	0	0	1
Rock	24	0	13	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	187	16	211	8	1	3
16th Judicial District						
Box Butte	82	0	81	10	0	11
Dawes	53	4	46	0	0	0
Grant	1	0	2	0	0	0
Sheridan	32	1	28	7	0	10
Sioux	9	0	8	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	177	5	165	17	0	21
17th Judicial District						
Garden	7	0	8	0	0	0
Morrill	43	5	28	8	0	5
Scotts Bluff	293	2	296	50	0	49
DISTRICT TOTAL	343	7	332	58	0	54
18th Judicial District						
Gage	65	3	76	14	1	15
Jefferson	41	1	25	5	0	10
DISTRICT TOTAL	106	4	101	19	1	25
19th Judicial District						
Banner	5	0	4	2	0	1
Cheyenne	42	6	44	7	1	7
Deuel	8	0	6	0	0	0
Kimball	29	4	44	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	84	10	98	9	1	8
20th Judicial District						
Blaine	4	0	6	0	0	0
Custer	42	1	46	12	0	12
Garfield	6	0	5	0	0	0
Greeley	5	0	8	1	0	1
Loup	7	0	5	0	0	0
Valley	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wheeler	5	0	2	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	69	1	72	13	0	13

	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
5th Judicial District							
Butler	1,293	1,626	1,921	2,280	2,570	2,608	1,944
Hamilton	2,123	2,192	2,950	2,658	2,549	2,775	2,414
Polk	489	473	618	731	626	1,047	1,154
Saunders	3,973	3,908	3,744	4,045	4,062	4,300	4,467
Seward	4,481	4,620	5,090	5,848	6,287	6,037	5,617
York	3,170	3,379	4,112	4,220	4,489	3,930	3,910
DISTRICT TOTAL	15,529	16,198	18,435	19,782	20,583	20,697	19,506
6th Judicial District							
Burt	1,493	1,431	1,420	1,439	1,634	1,538	1,381
Dodge	5,973	6,985	6,910	6,601	9,159	12,158	11,090
Thurston	1,838	2,171	1,689	1,814	1,639	1,147	1,311
Washington	2,070	2,666	2,897	3,381	3,148	2,884	2,690
DISTRICT TOTAL	11,374	13,253	12,916	13,235	15,580	17,727	16,472
7th Judicial District							
Fillmore	1,230	1,119	1,123	1,493	1,829	1,690	2,066
Nuckolls	901	905	780	1,130	1,461	1,369	1,873
Saline	1,754	1,582	1,820	2,185	2,970	2,836	3,253
Thayer	2,012	2,454	2,171	2,340	3,951	4,414	4,179
DISTRICT TOTAL	5,897	6,060	5,894	7,148	10,211	10,309	11,371
8th Judicial District							
Cedar	1,801	1,522	1,835	2,121	1,959	2,023	1,871
Dakota	3,103	3,297	2,765	3,359	4,663	4,770	4,371
Dixon	588	616	630	578	796	669	646
DISTRICT TOTAL	5,492	5,435	5,230	6,058	7,418	7,462	6,888
9th Judicial District							
Antelope	797	850	808	1,329	1,368	1,582	1,565
Cuming	1,982	1,804	2,325	3,120	3,700	2,467	2,194
Knox	1,005	1,049	1,176	1,242	1,341	1,343	965
Madison	5,221	5,035	6,050	6,766	5,786	6,115	6,335
Pierce	1,028	1,214	1,384	1,231	1,380	1,591	1,451
Stanton	1,008	1,170	1,442	1,218	1,155	1,381	1,377
Wayne	1,015	1,330	1,660	1,747	2,028	1,793	1,762
DISTRICT TOTAL	12,056	12,452	14,845	16,653	16,758	16,272	15,649
10th Judicial District							
Adams	4,759	4,075	5,233	5,261	6,334	6,596	6,497
Clay	1,134	1,387	2,272	2,028	2,239	2,398	1,820
Franklin	616	702	914	836	1,096	1,087	1,096
Harlan	825	896	834	989	1,259	1,468	960
Kearney	1,055	1,410	1,482	1,699	1,927	2,850	2,376
Phelps	1,827	2,045	1,973	3,022	2,975	2,383	2,599
Webster	596	786	847	1,171	1,307	1,203	1,182
DISTRICT TOTAL	10,812	11,301	13,555	15,006	17,137	17,985	16,530
11th Judicial District							
Hall	13,382	11,200	12,972	12,546	12,478	14,475	12,272
Howard	973	1,225	1,240	1,387	1,460	1,461	1,234
DISTRICT TOTAL	14,355	12,425	14,212	13,933	13,938	15,936	13,506

21st Judicial District						
Boone	13	0	22	5	0	4
Colfax	33	3	15	13	0	8
Merrick	23	9	37	26	1	28
Nance	14	0	16	9	0	7
Platte	102	6	121	40	3	36
DISTRICT TOTAL	185	18	211	93	4	83

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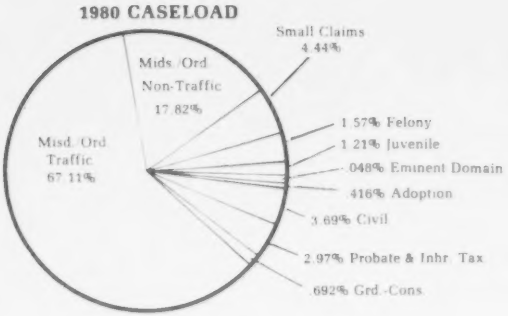
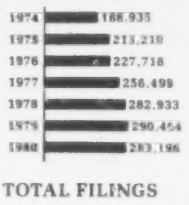
APPENDIX E: Total Filings By Year





	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
YEARLY TOTALS	**188,935**	**213,210**	**227,718**	**256,499**	**282,933**	**290,464**	**283,196**
1st Judicial District							
Johnson	438	667	620	575	548	769	830
Nemaha	1,339	1,502	1,330	1,642	1,381	1,697	1,726
Pawnee	231	461	415	378	500	526	482
Richardson	1,244	1,476	1,300	1,404	1,779	1,908	1,662
DISTRICT TOTAL	3,252	4,106	3,665	3,999	4,208	4,900	4,700
2nd Judicial District							
Cass	6,374	6,388	8,553	11,071	12,273	13,022	14,188
Otoe	1,535	1,850	1,873	1,988	2,929	4,075	3,228
Sarpy	8,341	13,249	11,301	12,547	15,679	15,896	16,623
DISTRICT TOTAL	16,250	21,487	21,727	25,606	30,881	32,993	34,039
3rd Judicial District							
Lancaster	5,924	5,925	4,632	5,025	4,940	5,688	6,831
DISTRICT TOTAL	5,924	5,925	4,632	5,025	4,940	5,688	6,831
4th Judicial District							
Douglas	6,274	7,900	7,642	9,367	12,754	12,890	14,288
DISTRICT TOTAL	6,274	7,900	7,642	9,367	12,754	12,890	14,288

12th Judicial District							
Buffalo	5,128	5,952	7,813	8,510	8,079	9,224	9,745
Sherman	451	511	609	859	789	733	862
DISTRICT TOTAL	5,579	6,463	8,422	9,369	8,868	9,957	10,607
13th Judicial District							
Arthur	44	50	23	22	57	95	23
Dawson	4,149	5,883	7,128	7,442	8,129	8,426	7,533
Hooker	395	293	493	608	604	681	537
Keith	3,476	5,145	4,947	5,971	5,362	5,525	5,344
Lincoln	14,030	16,996	21,706	23,827	26,389	24,462	22,358
Logan	264	271	443	405	465	296	239
McPherson	35	42	84	159	100	49	43
Thomas	503	482	499	513	623	512	404
DISTRICT TOTAL	22,896	29,162	35,323	38,947	41,729	40,046	36,481
14th Judicial District							
Chase	336	454	395	372	515	704	697
Dundy	142	206	216	248	263	196	332
Frontier	715	561	941	688	571	456	468
Furnas	730	878	948	1,004	904	916	1,016
Gosper	231	307	342	608	612	580	653
Hayes	59	83	54	83	72	170	96
Hitchcock	637	1,044	1,392	1,038	788	681	1,329
Perkins	188	224	418	605	481	265	318
Red Willow	2,338	2,552	2,964	2,914	3,347	3,031	3,151
DISTRICT TOTAL	5,376	6,309	7,670	7,560	7,553	6,999	8,060
15th Judicial District							
Boyd	291	224	270	353	322	289	353
Brown	670	757	1,040	1,185	1,039	749	1,148
Cherry	1,703	1,632	1,716	2,629	2,389	2,311	2,922
Holt	2,093	2,539	2,494	2,912	2,831	3,203	3,726
Keya Paha	64	119	171	315	203	136	141
Rock	447	419	583	904	941	754	664
DISTRICT TOTAL	5,268	5,690	6,274	8,298	7,725	7,442	8,954
16th Judicial District							
Box Butte	2,654	3,077	2,493	3,101	3,786	4,138	4,826
Dawes	2,887	2,884	2,771	3,499	2,939	3,415	3,859
Grant	243	282	331	420	416	360	208
Sheridan	2,794	3,561	2,940	3,399	3,819	3,121	2,719
Sioux	122	177	131	153	404	466	569
DISTRICT TOTAL	8,700	9,981	8,666	10,572	11,364	11,500	12,181
17th Judicial District							
Garden	516	1,012	1,311	1,280	1,147	887	741
Morrill	2,655	3,197	2,666	2,898	3,382	3,556	2,674
Scotts Bluff	7,727	8,889	8,356	9,771	11,705	12,414	10,662
DISTRICT TOTAL	10,898	13,098	12,333	13,949	16,234	16,857	14,077
18th Judicial District							
Gage	3,006	3,603	3,419	4,088	4,688	5,506	4,237
Jefferson	1,087	1,160	1,123	1,431	1,462	1,706	1,623
DISTRICT TOTAL	4,093	4,763	4,542	5,519	6,150	7,212	5,860

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19th Judicial District							
Banner	549	563	373	484	402	596	410
Cheyenne	2,875	3,301	2,878	3,294	3,462	3,133	3,095
Deuel	1,086	1,222	1,002	1,192	2,455	2,348	1,926
Kimball	1,449	1,671	1,524	1,889	2,020	2,002	1,239
DISTRICT TOTAL	5,959	6,757	5,777	6,859	8,339	8,079	6,670
20th Judicial District							
Blaine	54	112	51	109	107	140	89
Custer	1,428	1,959	2,208	2,040	2,579	2,550	2,589
Garfield	203	265	238	321	267	199	184
Greeley	668	501	383	810	629	756	833
Loup	75	114	142	118	181	198	242
Valley	469	634	621	782	729	737	787
Wheeler	83	55	54	98	175	231	372
DISTRICT TOTAL	2,980	3,640	3,697	4,278	4,667	4,811	5,096
21st Judicial District							
Boone	989	807	1,080	1,035	1,077	1,163	1,253
Colfax	1,321	1,999	2,085	2,791	2,703	2,405	2,618
Merrick	2,002	2,326	2,466	3,141	2,579	2,202	2,376
Nance	414	414	473	609	901	858	839
Platte	5,245	5,259	6,157	7,760	8,636	8,074	8,344
DISTRICT TOTAL	9,971	10,805	12,261	15,336	15,896	14,702	15,430

APPENDIX F: 1980 Case Activity

During 1980 the number of new case filings and dispositions decreased slightly. The ending inventory figures, which indicate the number of pending cases in the county court system at the end of the year, decreased significantly from 67,478 in 1979 to 43,039 in 1980.

	Beginning Inventory	New Filings	Dispositions	Ending Inventory
STATE TOTAL	***50,204**	**283,196**	**290,361**	**43,039**
1st Judicial District				
Johnson* (137)	75	830	814	91
Nemaha	415	1,726	1,718	423
Pawnee* (165)	67	482	475	74
Richardson	432	1,662	1,879	215
DISTRICT TOTAL	989	4,700	4,886	803
2nd Judicial District				
Cass* (291)	607	14,188	14,140	655
Otoe* (913)	765	3,228	3,383	610
Sarpy* (2,347)	4,211	16,623	17,859	2,975
DISTRICT TOTAL	5,583	34,039	35,382	4,240

	Beginning Inventory	New Filings	Dispositions	Ending Inventory
11th Judicial District				
Hall* (6,672)	6,657	12,272	11,330	7,599
Howard	328	1,234	1,377	185
DISTRICT TOTAL	6,985	13,506	12,707	7,784
12th Judicial District				
Buffalo	1,898	9,745	9,578	2,065
Sherman* (196)	144	862	854	152
DISTRICT TOTAL	2,042	10,607	10,432	2,217
13th Judicial District				
Arthur	7	23	24	6
Dawson* (392)	799	7,533	7,582	750
Hooker	60	537	557	40
Keith* (431)	407	5,344	5,521	230
Lincoln* (1,158)	1,173	22,358	22,532	999
Logan	11	239	240	10
McPherson	6	43	45	4
Thomas	39	404	400	43
DISTRICT TOTAL	2,502	36,481	36,901	2,082
14th Judicial District				
Chase* (117)	88	697	725	60
Dundy* (142)	88	332	287	133
Frontier* (67)	47	468	494	21
Furnas* (309)	247	1,016	1,081	182
Gosper	48	653	639	62
Hayes* (33)	14	96	109	1
Hitchcock	57	1,329	1,258	128
Perkins	117	318	345	90
Red Willow* (429)	406	3,151	3,303	254
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,112	8,060	8,241	931
15th Judicial District				
Boyd	86	353	382	57
Brown* (195)	173	1,148	1,192	129
Cherry* (558)	365	2,922	2,965	322
Holt	775	3,726	4,074	427
Keya Paha* (50)	53	141	122	72
Rock	105	664	703	66
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,557	8,954	9,438	1,073
16th Judicial District				
Box Butte* (1,159)	876	4,826	5,347	355
Dawes* (559)	489	3,859	4,070	278
Grant	57	208	236	29
Sheridan	881	2,719	2,646	954
Sioux	109	569	608	70
DISTRICT TOTAL	2,412	12,181	12,907	1,686

3rd Judicial District				
Lancaster* (4,388)	3,398	6,831	7,966	2,263
DISTRICT TOTAL	3,398	6,831	7,966	2,263
4th Judicial District				
Douglas* (14,050)	762	14,288	13,027	2,023
DISTRICT TOTAL	762	14,288	13,027	2,023
5th Judicial District				
Butler	211	1,944	1,912	243
Hamilton	520	2,414	2,364	570
Polk* (353)	237	1,154	1,276	115
Saunders* (989)	764	4,467	4,475	756
Seward* (1,190)	699	5,617	5,703	613
York* (1,309)	1,089	3,910	4,141	858
DISTRICT TOTAL	3,520	19,506	19,871	3,155
6th Judicial District				
Burt* (362)	206	1,361	1,410	177
Dodge* (1,634)	1,184	11,090	11,222	1,052
Thurston* (397)	342	1,311	1,256	397
Washington* (1,216)	1,077	2,690	2,537	1,230
DISTRICT TOTAL	2,809	16,472	16,425	2,856
7th Judicial District				
Fillmore	295	2,066	2,068	293
Nuckolls* (136)	106	1,873	1,855	124
Saline* (605)	386	3,253	3,310	329
Thayer	496	4,179	4,372	303
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,283	11,371	11,605	1,049
8th Judicial District				
Cedar	448	1,871	2,008	311
Dakota* (1,698)	1,019	4,371	4,675	715
Dixon* (137)	73	646	663	56
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,540	6,888	7,346	1,082
9th Judicial District				
Antelope	172	1,565	1,590	147
Cuming	299	2,194	2,302	191
Knox* (157)	99	965	1,002	62
Madison* (1,706)	1,807	6,335	7,424	718
Pierce	370	1,451	1,716	105
Stanton	217	1,377	1,457	137
Wayne	232	1,762	1,846	148
DISTRICT TOTAL	3,196	15,649	17,337	1,508
10th Judicial District				
Adams* (1,751)	1,062	6,497	6,784	775
Clay	208	1,820	1,846	182
Franklin	72	1,096	1,113	55
Harlan	292	960	986	266
Kearney* (315)	231	2,376	2,417	190
Phelps* (236)	479	2,599	2,602	476
Webster	149	1,182	1,264	67
DISTRICT TOTAL	2,493	16,530	17,012	2,011

17th Judicial District				
Garden	86	741	736	91
Morrill	431	2,674	2,945	160
Scotts Bluff	1,380	10,662	10,356	1,686
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,897	14,077	14,037	1,937
18th Judicial District				
Gage	1,372	4,237	4,887	722
Jefferson	209	1,623	1,719	113
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,581	5,860	6,606	835
19th Judicial District				
Banner	69	410	386	93
Cheyenne* (594)	680	3,095	3,282	493
Deuel	262	1,926	1,919	269
Kimball	347	1,239	1,464	122
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,358	6,670	7,051	977
20th Judicial District				
Blaine* (27)	15	89	77	27
Custer	321	2,589	2,573	337
Garfield	52	184	204	32
Greeley* (65)	128	833	823	138
Loup	30	242	254	18
Valley	47	787	805	29
Wheeler* (41)	39	372	359	52
DISTRICT TOTAL	632	5,096	5,095	633
21st Judicial District				
Boone* (323)	232	1,253	1,341	144
Colfax* (642)	644	2,618	2,719	543
Merrick	570	2,376	2,642	304
Nance* (79)	52	839	842	49
Platte* (2,206)	1,055	8,344	8,545	854
DISTRICT TOTAL	2,553	15,430	16,089	1,894

* Variance between this year's beginning balance and last year's ending balance is due to recounting and correcting entries.

APPENDIX G: 1980 Filings and Dispositions

Civil case filings increased two percent last year, from a total of 10,240 cases in 1979 to 10,463 in 1980. Small claims cases had an 18 percent increase, from a total of 10,694 cases in 1979 to 12,583 in 1980. Probate filings decreased six percent with 8,976 in 1979 compared to 8,428 in 1980.

	CIVIL		SMALL CLAIMS		PROBATE & INHR. TAX	
	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
STATE TOTAL	**10,463**	**12,585**	**12,583**	**12,709**	**8,428**	**12,629**
1st Judicial District						
Johnson	28	31	45	42	72	62
Nemaha	98	93	94	91	59	59
Pawnee	23	23	43	43	42	37
Richardson	48	85	101	108	91	189
DISTRICT TOTAL	197	232	283	284	264	347

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	CIVIL		SMALL CLAIMS		PROBATE & INHR. TAX	
	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
2nd Judicial District						
Cass	217	235	113	116	103	152
Otoe	113	154	99	105	117	112
Sarpy	821	1,895	345	331	180	192
DISTRICT TOTAL	1,151	2,284	557	552	400	456
3rd Judicial District						
Lancaster	548	400	806	767	730	2,399
DISTRICT TOTAL	548	400	806	767	730	2,399
4th Judicial District						
Douglas	27	37	1	2	1,477	1,319
DISTRICT TOTAL	27	37	1	2	1,477	1,319
5th Judicial District						
Butler	37	35	64	70	92	77
Hamilton	102	111	99	91	66	122
Polk	40	67	97	94	53	59
Saunders	190	194	154	146	119	71
Seward	108	91	108	114	98	171
York	105	115	198	180	117	105
DISTRICT TOTAL	582	613	720	695	545	605
6th Judicial District						
Burt	99	93	67	71	94	81
Dodge	479	547	301	307	235	236
Thurston	83	88	44	44	27	46
Washington	268	247	111	110	84	53
DISTRICT TOTAL	929	975	523	532	440	416
7th Judicial District						
Fillmore	31	38	98	99	90	141
Nuckolls	27	33	57	56	69	62
Saline	103	173	122	119	101	106
Thayer	31	51	61	58	68	167
DISTRICT TOTAL	192	295	338	332	328	476
8th Judicial District						
Cedar	52	58	93	102	96	83
Dakota	286	566	216	223	94	94
Dixon	59	61	63	61	56	58
DISTRICT TOTAL	397	685	372	386	246	235
9th Judicial District						
Antelope	78	80	161	162	58	109
Cuming	91	82	103	105	86	167
Knox	82	87	81	81	77	77
Madison	326	377	413	506	161	395

	CIVIL		SMALL CLAIMS		PROBATE & INHR. TAX	
	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
16th Judicial District						
Box Butte	165	201	221	269	63	37
Dawes	26	50	170	189	53	43
Grant	5	5	11	10	4	22
Sheridan	61	67	117	120	65	121
Sioux	3	4	5	4	10	40
DISTRICT TOTAL	260	327	524	592	195	263
17th Judicial District						
Garden	24	11	68	69	25	37
Morrill	48	59	108	107	50	62
Scotts Bluff	603	495	803	780	198	155
DISTRICT TOTAL	675	565	979	956	273	254
18th Judicial District	274	291	246	236	205	489
Jefferson	85	79	144	156	83	131
DISTRICT TOTAL	359	370	390	392	288	620
19th Judicial District						
Banner	4	6	7	7	11	11
Cheyenne	60	49	182	174	101	144
Deuel	6	5	11	14	29	27
Kimball	24	84	113	109	42	46
DISTRICT TOTAL	94	144	313	304	183	228
20th Judicial District						
Blaine	6	2	2	3	6	0
Custer	70	65	191	190	124	125
Garfield	7	6	28	29	12	33
Greeley	23	22	39	34	70	83
Loup	1	1	8	10	9	11
Valley	19	19	81	80	52	75
Wheeler	11	8	13	12	3	3
DISTRICT TOTAL	137	123	362	358	276	330
21st Judicial District						
Boone	51	41	77	75	59	151
Colfax	84	144	134	119	97	152
Merrick	96	202	153	170	53	61
Nance	22	23	45	42	45	47
Platte	260	278	313	385	183	441
DISTRICT TOTAL	513	688	722	791	437	852

APPENDIX H: 1980 Filings and Dispositions

Guardianship and Conservatorship filings remained almost constant with 1,964 in 1979 and 1,962 in 1980. Adoption filings decreased slightly from 1,211 in 1979 to 1,180 in 1980. Eminent domain proceedings decreased considerably from 252 in 1979 to 138 in 1980.

Pierce	79	95	117	119	64	119
Stanton	50	46	29	26	29	63
Wayne	71	62	129	131	58	81
DISTRICT TOTAL	777	829	1,033	1,130	533	1,011
10th Judicial District						
Adams	395	390	310	338	171	374
Clay	78	78	53	49	67	133
Franklin	35	39	83	88	40	44
Harlan	36	67	83	130	31	23
Kearney	78	74	124	110	39	55
Phelps	129	127	128	144	68	87
Webstser	28	77	26	25	38	78
DISTRICT TOTAL	779	852	807	884	454	794
11th Judicial District						
Hall	701	521	620	539	218	191
Howard	56	95	90	84	46	90
DISTRICT TOTAL	757	616	710	623	264	281
12th Judicial District						
Buffalo	663	783	450	471	145	119
Sherman	42	31	83	81	31	78
DISTRICT TOTAL	705	814	533	552	176	197
13th Judicial District						
Arthur	2	2	3	2	3	5
Dawson	292	281	463	433	163	180
Hooker	2	1	17	17	8	16
Keith	77	153	176	191	52	105
Lincoln	470	563	482	475	145	233
Logan	4	4	2	1	10	15
McPherson	2	2	2	2	4	5
Thomas	4	2	5	9	4	14
DISTRICT TOTAL	853	1,008	1,150	1,130	389	573
14th Judicial District						
Chase	22	28	113	126	31	40
Dundy	19	6	43	35	36	27
Frontier	10	10	33	37	26	28
Furnas	54	96	124	132	66	95
Gosper	13	11	28	30	27	34
Hayes	7	8	7	9	7	11
Hitchcock	27	19	57	53	25	47
Perkins	24	31	67	71	39	69
Red Willow	103	169	345	317	90	188
DISTRICT TOTAL	279	378	817	810	347	539
15th Judicial District						
Boyd	22	6	20	23	22	58
Brown	33	34	189	185	19	28
Cherry	32	54	132	133	55	53
Holt	142	238	232	229	82	229
Keya Paha	3	0	18	13	11	15
Rock	20	18	52	54	14	47
DISTRICT TOTAL	252	350	643	637	203	430

	GUARDIANSHIP CONSERVATORSHIP		ADOPTION		EMINENT DOMAIN	
	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
STATE TOTAL	**1,962**	**2,034**	**1,180**	**1,196**	**138**	**149**
1st Judicial District						
Johnson	8	7	3	3	2	2
Nemaha	4	3	2	2	2	2
Pawnee	6	7	2	2	0	1
Richardson	28	53	10	10	6	6
DISTRICT TOTAL	46	70	17	17	10	11
2nd Judicial District						
Cass	17	14	32	33	2	2
Otoe	17	19	10	10	1	1
Sarpy	96	97	70	73	8	8
DISTRICT TOTAL	130	130	112	116	11	11
3rd Judicial District						
Lancaster	156	156	122	122	19	26
DISTRICT TOTAL	156	156	122	122	19	26
4th Judicial District						
Douglas	442	261	300	313	17	22
DISTRICT TOTAL	442	261	300	313	17	22
5th Judicial District						
Butler	6	4	2	2	0	1
Hamilton	26	10	5	5	1	0
Polk	7	15	5	3	0	0
Saunders	15	11	17	18	9	10
Seward	15	19	9	10	0	0
York	12	11	11	10	1	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	81	70	49	48	11	11
6th Judicial District						
Burt	12	10	6	4	0	0
Dodge	45	53	27	29	2	5
Thurston	6	7	6	5	0	0
Washington	28	26	10	11	1	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	91	96	49	49	3	5
7th Judicial District						
Fillmore	16	17	3	3	0	0
Nuckolls	9	11	2	4	1	1
Saline	19	27	11	12	0	0
Thayer	18	17	6	4	1	2
DISTRICT TOTAL	62	72	22	23	2	3
8th Judicial District						
Cedar	13	13	5	5	0	0
Dakota	23	20	9	12	0	0
Dixon	6	7	7	7	1	1
DISTRICT TOTAL	42	40	21	24	1	1

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	GUARDIANSHIP CONSERVATORSHIP		ADOPTION		EMINENT DOMAIN	
	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
9th Judicial District						
Antelope	10	8	12	12	0	0
Cuming	17	14	7	7	0	0
Knox	18	17	6	7	1	1
Madison	53	59	26	30	1	1
Pierce	5	5	6	6	0	0
Stanton	3	6	5	3	0	0
Wayne	12	12	5	5	1	1
DISTRICT TOTAL	118	121	67	70	3	3
10th Judicial District						
Adams	42	41	19	20	9	9
Clay	10	11	2	4	0	0
Franklin	11	13	7	8	0	1
Harlan	6	6	3	3	1	0
Kearney	12	14	2	3	6	6
Phelps	11	11	5	5	3	3
Webster	0	0	3	2	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	92	96	41	45	19	19
11th Judicial District						
Hall	56	53	43	31	6	1
Howard	15	15	5	5	1	1
DISTRICT TOTAL	71	68	48	36	7	2
12th Judicial District						
Buffalo	49	39	30	24	6	8
Sherman	8	7	1	2	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	57	46	31	26	6	8
13th Judicial District						
Arthur	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dawson	33	33	21	20	2	1
Hooker	1	1	0	0	0	0
Keith	10	11	12	12	0	0
Lincoln	29	54	44	45	1	1
Logan	3	3	1	1	0	0
McPherson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas	0	0	0	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	77	102	78	78	3	2
14th Judicial District						
Chase	13	18	7	9	1	1
Dundy	9	8	2	3	0	0
Frontier	5	7	1	2	2	2
Furnas	1	4	7	6	2	1
Gosper	2	2	1	1	0	0
Hayes	2	2	1	1	0	0
Hitchcock	2	5	3	2	0	0

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Traffic filings decreased eight percent last year, from 207,546 in 1979 to 190,073 in 1980. Misdemeanor/Ordinance Non-Traffic filings increased 20 percent from 42,224 in 1979 to 50,481 in 1980. Preliminary hearings for felonies increased 10 percent, from 4,026 in 1979 to 4,450 in 1980.

	MISDEMEANOR ORDINANCE TRAFFIC		MISDEMEANOR ORDINANCE NONTRAFFIC		FELONY (Preliminary Hearing)	
	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
STATE TOTAL	**190,073**	**191,237**	**50,481**	**49,621**	**4,450**	**4,692**
1st Judicial District						
Johnson	510	500	142	146	10	15
Nemaha	1,041	1,043	342	357	62	50
Pawnee	293	286	55	56	17	17
Richardson	1,112	1,157	197	196	46	50
DISTRICT TOTAL	2,956	2,986	736	755	135	132
2nd Judicial District						
Cass	13,068	12,962	487	501	73	61
Otoe	2,413	2,519	372	361	37	58
Sarpy	13,032	13,050	1,820	1,969	249	242
DISTRICT TOTAL	28,513	28,531	2,679	2,831	359	361
3rd Judicial District						
Lancaster	0	0	3,457	3,000	993	1,096
DISTRICT TOTAL	0	0	3,457	3,000	993	1,096
4th Judicial District						
Douglas	7,509	7,173	4,385	3,753	130	147
DISTRICT TOTAL	7,509	7,173	4,385	3,753	130	147
5th Judicial District						
Butler	1,540	1,531	158	156	15	15
Hamilton	1,885	1,822	152	135	19	24
Polk	744	809	142	160	12	11
Saunders	3,071	3,248	823	702	39	39
Seward	4,519	4,792	604	341	61	67
York	2,156	2,311	1,174	1,222	55	111
DISTRICT TOTAL	13,915	14,513	3,053	2,716	201	267
6th Judicial District						
Burt	915	934	169	201	12	8
Dodge	4,787	4,808	4,559	4,558	141	180
Thurston	698	646	378	362	32	26
Washington	1,578	1,558	513	455	55	49
DISTRICT TOTAL	7,978	7,946	5,619	5,576	240	263
7th Judicial District						
Fillmore	1,564	1,514	190	189	28	24
Nuckolls	1,617	1,593	72	67	7	14
Saline	2,072	2,049	748	723	29	47
Thayer	3,815	3,849	141	184	11	18
DISTRICT TOTAL	9,068	9,005	1,151	1,163	75	103

Perkins	4	4	3	5	0	0
Red Willow	10	10	7	9	4	3
DISTRICT TOTAL	48	60	32	38	9	7
15th Judicial District						
Boyd	4	4	1	1	0	0
Brown	0	0	3	3	0	0
Cherry	9	58	6	6	0	0
Holt	16	13	12	12	1	1
Keya Paha	2	2	2	2	0	0
Rock	7	6	0	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	38	83	24	24	1	1
16th Judicial District						
Box Butte	13	15	11	9	0	0
Dawes	11	11	5	3	0	0
Grant	1	1	0	0	0	0
Sheridan	11	11	2	2	0	0
Sioux	1	0	0	0	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	37	38	18	14	0	0
17th Judicial District						
Garden	5	9	4	3	0	0
Morrill	13	13	0	0	6	4
Scotts Bluff	65	47	47	52	1	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	83	69	51	55	7	4
18th Judicial District						
Gage	51	177	17	17	1	1
Jefferson	8	8	2	2	0	2
DISTRICT TOTAL	59	185	19	19	1	3
19th Judicial District						
Banner	1	1	0	1	0	0
Cheyenne	10	10	9	9	0	2
Deuel	4	4	2	1	1	1
Kimball	16	57	3	3	1	1
DISTRICT TOTAL	31	72	14	14	2	4
20th Judicial District						
Blaine	3	2	0	0	0	0
Custer	31	33	10	10	2	2
Garfield	5	5	0	0	0	0
Greeley	54	54	0	0	0	0
Loup	2	2	0	0	0	0
Valley	8	9	8	7	0	0
Wheeler	0	0	2	1	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	103	105	20	18	2	2
21st Judicial District						
Boone	9	11	9	10	0	0
Colfax	23	20	3	5	1	2
Merrick	7	9	8	6	2	1
Nance	9	9	1	1	0	0
Platte	50	45	24	25	1	1
DISTRICT TOTAL	98	94	45	47	4	4
8th Judicial District						
Cedar	949	939	644	786	8	9
Dakota	2,558	2,629	1,065	1,015	77	78
Dixon	337	352	98	98	1	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	3,844	3,920	1,807	1,899	86	87
9th Judicial District						
Antelope	1,071	1,051	150	145	18	17
Cuming	1,551	1,595	334	326	4	4
Knox	534	571	140	135	13	14
Madison	4,593	5,043	700	926	30	39
Pierce	1,010	1,065	141	280	21	21
Stanton	1,130	1,183	114	112	6	7
Wayne	1,258	1,288	211	250	14	12
DISTRICT TOTAL	11,147	11,796	1,790	2,174	106	114
10th Judicial District						
Adams	4,270	4,338	1,063	921	73	78
Clay	1,225	1,205	313	316	33	24
Franklin	733	731	166	167	8	8
Harlan	465	386	297	344	25	19
Kearney	1,739	1,779	302	293	43	51
Phelps	1,512	1,448	647	674	43	49
Webster	990	986	79	79	9	8
DISTRICT TOTAL	10,934	10,873	2,867	2,794	234	237
11th Judicial District						
Hall	8,278	7,917	1,705	1,505	335	307
Howard	890	952	97	98	24	25
DISTRICT TOTAL	9,168	8,869	1,802	1,603	359	332
12th Judicial District						
Buffalo	6,595	6,486	1,485	1,339	235	207
Sherman	434	428	252	216	4	5
DISTRICT TOTAL	7,029	6,914	1,737	1,555	239	212
13th Judicial District						
Arthur	12	13	1	1	1	1
Dawson	5,225	5,305	1,120	1,120	104	106
Hooker	467	483	40	37	2	2
Keith	4,107	4,145	809	808	75	69
Lincoln	19,120	19,049	1,724	1,773	179	200
Logan	193	192	23	21	3	3
McPherson	29	30	6	6	0	0
Thomas	372	366	17	8	2	1
DISTRICT TOTAL	29,525	29,583	3,740	3,774	366	382
14th Judicial District						
Chase	357	359	145	136	2	1
Dundy	190	190	13	7	15	9
Frontier	245	253	141	147	4	5
Furnas	575	619	163	111	13	7
Gosper	372	372	199	175	10	12
Hayes	59	63	13	15	0	0
Hitchcock	886	849	313	271	7	3
Perkins	110	108	50	38	9	9
Red Willow	1,718	1,759	782	760	43	38
DISTRICT TOTAL	4,512	4,572	1,819	1,660	103	84

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	MISDEMEANOR ORDINANCE TRAFFIC		MISDEMEANOR ORDINANCE NONTRAFFIC		FELONY (Preliminary Hearing)	
	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
15th Judicial District						
Boyd	174	175	104	105	6	10
Brown	709	714	174	198	10	21
Cherry	2,222	2,200	437	431	25	26
Holt	2,197	2,268	1,002	1,049	29	22
Keya Paha	67	62	38	28	0	0
Rock	458	461	93	97	6	6
DISTRICT TOTAL	5,827	5,880	1,848	1,908	76	85
16th Judicial District						
Box Butte	3,217	3,358	1,025	1,339	65	69
Dawes	2,929	3,027	597	660	53	73
Grant	166	176	17	19	3	3
Sheridan	1,657	1,610	702	618	43	51
Sioux	501	517	44	39	2	1
DISTRICT TOTAL	8,470	8,688	2,385	2,675	166	197
17th Judicial District						
Garden	558	558	55	47	0	0
Morrill	2,071	2,281	341	377	21	17
Scotts Bluff	6,711	6,620	1,738	1,709	263	273
DISTRICT TOTAL	9,340	9,459	2,134	2,133	284	290
18th Judicial District						
Gage	2,012	2,082	1,330	1,407	52	54
Jefferson	1,008	1,044	242	245	23	26
DISTRICT TOTAL	3,020	3,126	1,572	1,652	75	80
19th Judicial District						
Banner	385	358	2	2	0	0
Cheyenne	2,222	2,368	417	429	45	47
Deuel	1,832	1,775	17	74	15	10
Kimball	892	1,015	124	123	14	15
DISTRICT TOTAL	5,331	5,516	560	628	74	72
20th Judicial District						
Blaine	67	67	1	3	0	0
Custer	1,742	1,726	338	348	35	32
Garfield	97	94	27	27	3	5
Greeley	545	529	92	87	4	8
Loup	201	209	20	21	1	0
Valley	480	481	85	82	8	8
Wheeler	273	261	69	73	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	3,405	3,367	632	641	51	53
21st Judicial District						
Boone	894	911	128	114	5	4
Colfax	1,832	1,847	388	383	17	13
Merrick	1,686	1,724	325	414	32	36
Nance	554	568	138	129	11	9
Platte	3,616	3,470	3,729	3,691	33	36
DISTRICT TOTAL	8,582	8,520	4,708	4,731	98	98

APPENDIX J: 1980 Juvenile Case Filings and Dispositions

Juvenile case filings increased slightly from 3,331 in 1979 to 3,438 in 1980.

	Filed	Disposed
STATE TOTAL	**3,438**	**3,509**
1st Judicial District		
Johnson	10	6
Nemaha	22	18
Pawnee	1	3
Richardson	23	25
DISTRICT TOTAL	56	52
2nd Judicial District		
Cass	76	64
Otoe	49	44
Sarpy	2	2
DISTRICT TOTAL	127	110
3rd Judicial District		
Lancaster	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	0	0
4th Judicial District		
Douglas	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	0	0
5th Judicial District		
Butler	30	21
Hamilton	59	44
Polk	54	58
Saunders	30	36
Seward	95	98
York	81	76
DISTRICT TOTAL	349	333
6th Judicial District		
Burt	7	8
Dodge	514	499
Thurston	37	32
Washington	42	28
DISTRICT TOTAL	600	567
7th Judicial District		
Fillmore	46	43
Nuckolls	12	14
Saline	48	54
Thayer	27	22
DISTRICT TOTAL	133	133
8th Judicial District		
Cedar	11	13
Dakota	43	38
Dixon	18	18
DISTRICT TOTAL	72	69
9th Judicial District		
Antelope	7	6
Cuming	1	2
Knox	13	12
Madison	32	48
Pierce	8	6
Stanton	11	11
Wayne	3	4
DISTRICT TOTAL	75	89
10th Judicial District		
Adams	145	275
Clay	39	26
Franklin	13	14
Harlan	13	8
Kearney	31	32
Phelps	53	54
Webster	9	9
DISTRICT TOTAL	303	418
11th Judicial District		
Hall	310	265
Howard	10	12
DISTRICT TOTAL	320	277
12th Judicial District		
Buffalo	87	102
Sherman	7	6
DISTRICT TOTAL	94	108
13th Judicial District		
Arthur	0	0
Dawson	110	103
Hooker	0	0
Keith	26	27
Lincoln	164	139
Logan	0	0
McPherson	0	0
Thomas	0	0
DISTRICT TOTAL	300	269
14th Judicial District		
Chase	6	7
Dundy	5	2
Frontier	1	3
Furnas	11	10
Gosper	1	2
Hayes	0	0
Hitchcock	9	9
Perkins	12	10
Red Willow	49	50
DISTRICT TOTAL	94	93
15th Judicial District		
Boyd	0	0
Brown	11	9
Cherry	4	4
Holt	13	13
Keya Paha	0	0
Rock	14	14
DISTRICT TOTAL	42	40
16th Judicial District		
Box Butte	46	46
Dawes	15	14
Grant	1	0
Sheridan	61	46
Sioux	3	3
DISTRICT TOTAL	126	109
17th Judicial District		
Garden	2	2
Morrill	16	25
Scotts Bluff	233	225
DISTRICT TOTAL	251	252
18th Judicial District		
Gage	69	133
Jefferson	28	26
DISTRICT TOTAL	97	159
19th Judicial District		
Banner	0	0
Cheyenne	49	50
Deuel	9	8
Kimball	10	11
DISTRICT TOTAL	68	69
20th Judicial District		
Blaine	4	0
Custer	46	42
Garfield	5	5
Greeley	6	6
Loup	0	0
Valley	46	44
Wheeler	1	1
DISTRICT TOTAL	108	98
21st Judicial District		
Boone	21	24
Colfax	39	34
Merrick	14	19
Nance	14	14
Platte	135	173
DISTRICT TOTAL	223	264

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STATE OF NEBRASKA
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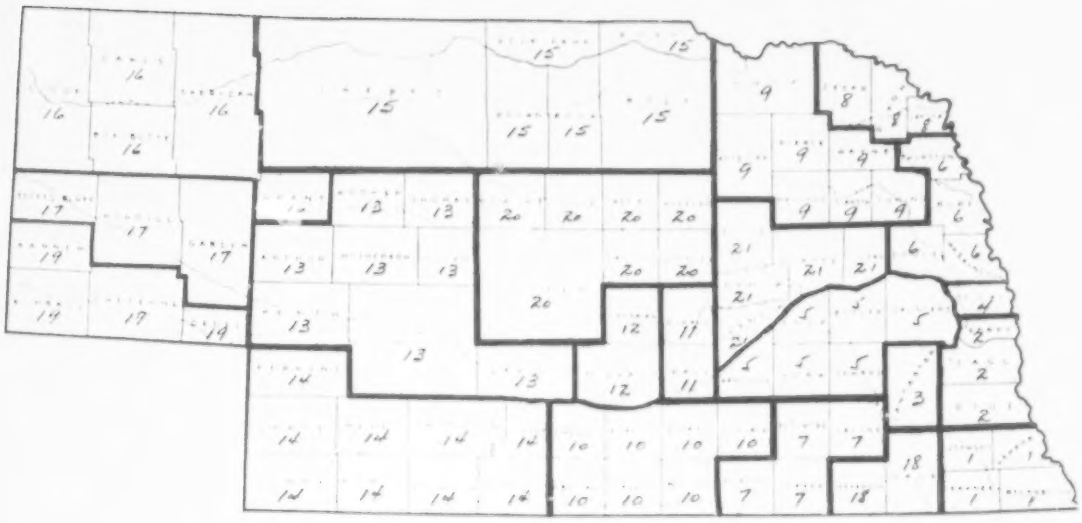

Figure 10

District	No. of Counties	Population 1980	Area Sq. Mi.	Law Trained Assoc.	County Court Judges	District Court Judges	Municipal Court Judges	Juvenile Court Judges
1	4	28,160	1,760	—	1	1	—	—
2	3	119,606	1,413	—	3	3	—	1
3	1	186,961	845	—	2	5	4	1
4	1	388,945	335	—	2	12	9	2
5	6	73,436	3,458	—	3	2	—	—
6	4	63,131	1,785	1	2	2	—	—
7	4	34,670	2,308	—	2	1	—	—
8	3	34,137	1,472	—	2	1	—	—
9	7	86,911	4,550	—	3	2	—	—
10	7	68,989	3,877	—	2	2	—	—
11	2	54,370	1,101	—	2	2	—	—
12	2	38,976	1,519	—	1	1	—	—
13	8	70,693	8,097	—	3	2	—	—
14	9	40,883	6,953	—	2	1	—	—
15	6	31,135	11,904	—	2	1	—	—
16	5	32,597	7,743	—	2	2	—	—
17	3	45,677	3,806	—	2	2	—	—
18	2	34,011	1,435	—	1	1	—	—
19	4	17,974	3,313	—	2	1	—	—
20	7	27,786	6,126	—	2	1	—	—
21	5	59,740	2,675	—	3	2	—	—

NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT

JUDGE	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Chief Justice Norman Krivosha	State Capitol, Room 2214 Lincoln, NE 68509	402-471-3732
Judge Leslie Boslaugh	State Capitol, Room 2210 Lincoln, NE 68509	402-471-3733
Judge Donald Brodkey	State Capitol, Room 2222 Lincoln, NE 68509	402-471-3734
Judge Lawrence M. Clinton	State Capitol, Room 2207 Lincoln, NE 68509	402-471-3735
Judge William C. Hastings	State Capitol, Room 2218 Lincoln, NE 68509	402-471-3736
Judge Hale McCown	State Capitol, Room 2211 Lincoln, NE 68509	402-471-3737
Judge C. Thomas White	State Capitol, Room 2219 Lincoln, NE 68509	402-471-3738

NEBRASKA DISTRICT JUDGES

DISTRICT	JUDGE	CITY	ZIP CODE	TELEPHONE
1	Robert T. Finn	Tecumseh	68450	402-335-2871
2	Ronald E. Reagan	Papillion	68046	402-339-8384
	George H. Stanley	Papillion	68046	402-339-0688
	Raymond J. Case	Plattsmouth	68048	402-296-3191
3	William D. Blue	Lincoln	68508	402-471-7605
	Donald Endacott	Lincoln	68508	402-471-7373
	Dale Fahrnbruch	Lincoln	68508	402-471-7374
	Bernard J. McGinn	Lincoln	68508	402-471-7371
	Samuel Van Pelt	Lincoln	68508	402-471-7372
4	James A. Buckley	Omaha	68183	402-444-7089
	Robert V. Burkhard	Omaha	68183	402-444-7009
	Samuel P. Caniglia	Omaha	68183	402-444-7086
	John E. Clark	Omaha	68183	402-444-7755
	John T. Grant	Omaha	68183	402-444-7011
	Donald J. Hamilton	Omaha	68183	402-444-7008
	Jerry M. Gitnick	Omaha	68183	402-444-7013
	Paul J. Hickman	Omaha	68183	402-444-7817
	Keith Howard	Omaha	68183	402-444-7007
	James Murphy	Omaha	68183	402-444-7012
	Theodore L. Richling	Omaha	68183	402-444-7014
	D. Nick Caporale	Omaha	68183	402-444-7529
5	Bryce Bartu	Seward	68434	402-643-4060
	William H. Norton	Osceola (Box 505)	68651	
6	Mark J. Fuhrman	Fremont	68025	402-721-6811
	Darvid Quist	Blair	68008	402-426-5134

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DISTRICT	JUDGE	CITY	ZIP CODE	TELEPHONE
7	Orville L. Coady	Hebron	68370	402-768-6838
8	Francis J. Kneifl	Dakota City	68731	402-987-3191
9	Richard P. Garden	Norfolk	68701	
	Merritt C. Warren	Creighton	68729	402-358-3225
10	Bernard Sprague	Red Cloud	68970	402-746-2716
	William G. Cambridge	Hastings	68901	402-463-2491
11	Richard DeBacker	Grand Island	68801	308-381-5770
	Joseph Martin	Grand Island	68801	308-381-5666
12	DeWayne Wolf	Kearney	68847	308-236-6458
13	Hugh Stuart	North Platte	69101	308-534-4350
	Keith Windrum	North Platte	69101	308-534-4350
14	Jack Hendrix	Trenton	69044	308-334-5270
15	Henry Reimer	O'Neill	68763	402-336-2550
16	Robert R. Moran	Alliance	69301	308-762-5354
	Paul D. Empson	Chadron	69337	308-432-2662
17	Robert O. Hippe	Gering	69341	308-436-6660
	Alfred Kortum	Gering	69341	308-436-6662
18	William B. Rist	Beatrice	68310	402-223-4085
19	John D. Knapp	Kimball	69145	308-235-3591
20	James R. Kelly	Broken Bow	68822	308-872-5661
21	John C. Whitehead	Columbus	68601	402-564-1311
	John M. Brower	Fullerton	68638	308-536-2675

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DISTRICT	COUNTY	JUDGE	CITY	ZIP CODE	TELEPHONE NO.
1	Johnson				
	Nemaha				
	Pawnee				
	Richardson	Albert Maust	Falls City	68355	402-245-2812
2	Cass				
	Otoe				
	Sarpy	Eugene T. Atkinson	Papillion	68046	402-339-3225
	Sarpy	Jeffrey L. Campbell	Papillion	68046	402-339-3225
	Sarpy	Albert Walsh	Papillion	68046	402-339-3225
3	Lancaster	Robert R. Camp	Lincoln	68508	402-471-7446
		Jeffre P. Cheuvront	Lincoln	68508	402-471-7446
4	Douglas	Samuel V. Cooper	Omaha	68183	402-444-7152
		Robert C. McGowan	Omaha	68183	402-444-7152
5	Butler				
	Hamilton				
	Polk	Alan G. Gless	Osceola	68651	402-747-5371
	Saunders				
	Seward	Robert T. Cattle, Jr.	Seward	68434	403-643-3214
	York	Curtis H. Evans	York	68467	402-362-4925

NEBRASKA COUNTY JUDGES *(continued)*

DISTRICT	COUNTY	JUDGE	CITY	ZIP CODE	TELEPHONE
6	Burt				
	Dodge	Daniel Beckwith	Fremont	68025	403-727-5727
	Thurston				
	Washington	F.A. Gossett, III	Blair	68008	402-426-3505
7	Fillmore	Ray L. Cellar	Geneva	68361	402-759-3514
	Nuckolls				
	Saline	Clarence C. Kunc	Wilber	68465	402-821-2131
	Thayer				
8	Cedar	David W. Curtiss	Hartington	68739	402-254-3983
	Dakota	Neil R. McCluhan	Dakota City	68731	402-987-3406
	Dixon				
9	Antelope	Stephen Finn	Neligh	68756	402-887-4650
	Cuming				
	Knox	Philip Riley	Creighton	68729	402-288-4277
	Madison	James Duggan	Norfolk	68701	402-371-1115
	Pierce				
	Stanton				
	Wayne				
10	Adams	Harry C. Haverly	Hastings	68901	402-463-2491
		Jack R. Ott	Hastings	68901	402-463-2491
	Clay				
	Franklin				
	Harlan				
	Kearney				
	Phelps				
	Webster				
11	Hall	James A. Kelly	Grand Island	68801	308-381-5140
		Richard E. Weaver	Grand Island	68801	308-381-5139
	Howard				
12	Buffalo	John Icenogle	Kearney	68847	308-237-2289
	Sherman				
13	Arthur				
	Dawson	Lloyd Kaufman	Lexington	68850	308-324-5606
	Hooker				
	Keith	Richard P. Myers	Ogallala	69153	308-284-2850
	Lincoln	Earl E. Morgan	North Platte	69101	308-534-4350
	Logan				
	McPherson				
	Thomas				
14	Chase				
	Dundy				
	Frontier				
	Furnas				
	Gosper				
	Hayes				
	Hitchcock				
	Perkins	B. Bert Leffler	Grant	69140	308-352-4415
	Red Willow	Cloyd Clark, Jr.	McCook	69001	308-345-1904
15	Boyd				
	Brown	August F. Schuman	Ainsworth	69210	402-387-2864
	Cherry				
	Holt	C. Norman Gonderinger	O'Neill	68763	402-336-1662
	Keya Paha				
	Rock				

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DISTRICT	COUNTY	JUDGE	CITY	ZIP CODE	TELEPHONE
16	Box Butte	Glen A. Fiebig	Alliance	69301	308-762-3360
	Dawes	Charles F. Fisher	Chadron	69337	308-432-2919
	Grant				
	Sheridan				
	Sioux				
17	Garden				
	Morrill				
	Scotts Bluff	G. Glenn Camerer	Gering	69341	308-436-6648
		James L. Macken	Gering	69341	308-436-6648
18	Gage	Steven B. Timm	Beatrice	68310	402-223-2137
	Jefferson				
19	Banner				
	Cheyenne	Thomas Dorwart	Sidney	69162	308-254-4147
	Deuel				
	Kimball	Kenneth Fritzler	Kimball	69145	308-235-2831
20	Blaine				
	Custer				
	Garfield	Keith Kovanda	Burwell	68823	308-346-4123
	Greeley				
	Loup				
	Valley	Roy Blixt	Ord	68862	308-728-3831
	Wheeler				
21	Boone				
	Colfax				
	Merrick	Gary F. Hatfield	Central City	68826	308-946-2812
	Nance				
	Platte	Gerald E. Rouse	Columbus	68601	402-564-1311
		Lyle Winkle	Columbus	68601	402-564-1311

NEBRASKA SEPARATE JUVENILE COURT

JUDGE	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Judge Wilfred Nuernberger	555 South 10th St. Lincoln, NE 68508	402-471-7367
Judge Colleen Buckley	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-7883
Judge Joseph Moylan	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-7881
Judge William Staley	Hall of Justice Papillion, NE 68046	402-339-8950

LINCOLN AND OMAHA MUNICIPAL COURTS

JUDGE	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Presiding Judge Janice L. Gradwohl	555 South 10th St. Lincoln, NE 68508	402-471-7648
Judge Neal H. Dusenberry	555 South 10th St. Lincoln, NE 68508	402-471-7275
Judge Donald R. Grant	555 South 10th St. Lincoln, NE 68508	402-471-7274
Judge Thomas J. McManus	555 South 10th St. Lincoln, NE 68508	402-471-7276
Presiding Judge Joseph Troia	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-5410
Judge Theodore Carlson	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-5434
Judge Walter H. Cropper	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-5430
Judge Francis A. McLane	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-5439
Judge Fred J. Montag	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-5411
Judge Elizabeth D. Pittman	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-5435
William F. Ryan Judge William F. Ryan	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-5438
Judge Robert C. Vondrasek	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-5433
Judge A. Q. Wolf	Hall of Justice Omaha, NE 68183	402-444-5424

NEBRASKA WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COURT

JUDGE	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Presiding Judge Mark A. Buchholz Judge Ben Novicoff Judge Ted W. Vrana	P.O. Box 94967 State Capitol 13th Floor Lincoln, NE 68509	402-554-3900
Judge Paul E. LeClair Judge James P. Monen	Hall of Justice Room 173 Omaha, NE 68183	402-554-3900